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Hattersley targets 'BMW owners'

Brown aims to cut VAT on fuel to 5%

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR would make cutting VAT on fuel to 5 per cent a top priority, Gordon Brown said yesterday, challenging Kenneth Clarke to reduce the tax in the November Budget.

The Shadow Chancellor surprised the Labour conference by signalling that he would cut VAT on power to the lowest rate allowed under European Union rules — a move that would save the average family about £32 a year at a cost of £480 million.

Labour's first tax-cutting proposal, which caught the Conservatives off-guard, came on a successful opening day for the party leadership at Brighton. Tony Blair, who will today try to enthuse his party with his plans for "building a new Britain", won a series of important votes and saw off an attempt to commit the party to a national minimum wage of £4.15 an hour. The leadership also secured the votes of most of the big unions to ensure that the decision to reject Liz Davies as a parliamentary candidate will be endorsed today.

Mr Blair suffered a setback last night when Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary and a close ally, lost his place on the ruling national executive — a victim of the rule requiring that three members of the NEC's constituency section are women. The blow was cushioned, however, by the election in his place of Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary who is also a moderniser.

Mr Brown's remarks on a 5 per cent VAT rate for fuel, which fell just short of an outright pledge, were designed to counter the party's "high tax, high spend" image. But his efforts to reassure the middle classes that a Labour government would not penalise them were undermined when Roy Hattersley, a former Shadow Chancellor, told a fringe meeting that Labour could not deliver on its objectives without hitting "the BMW owners".

Labour would be tested by whether it achieved a substantial and perceptible redistribution of wealth and power, Mr Hattersley said, and he doubted whether the party could improve pensions, extend child benefit, put the country back to work and build houses without any penalty for the better off.

Mr Hattersley said: "The real question in government will be if helping the poor penalises the BMW owners, are we prepared to do it? I'm prepared to do it. And by saying we are prepared to do it, we won't lose votes, we will win votes."



'The priority is to cut tax on keeping warm for millions of pensioners'
—Gordon Brown

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Mr Brown had earlier outlined plans for a £1 billion jobs programme, financed by a windfall tax on privatised utilities, aimed at wiping out youth unemployment. Mr Brown condemned the declining standards of the utilities saying: "People will look back in amazement and ask how it is that in an island surrounded by water, built on coal, rich in oil and gas, so much of our basic British resources should have been sold off so wastefully to so few and we should now be held to ransom by them."

He also called for measures to boost investment in industry before turning to Tory hopes for tax cuts. He said the real issue for the Budget was not to trim income tax by a penny but to increase job security and to stimulate long-term economic recovery. "The Conservative Party want to cut taxes in November," he said. "If that is their aim, the first tax cut they should make — and I know I speak for the country as a whole — should be a cut in VAT on fuel.

"In three years, the only tax cut people have seen is a Labour tax cut — Labour defeating the Tory plan to raise fuel VAT to 17.5 per cent. Everyone knows the Conservatives would still like to increase VAT on fuel from 8 to 17.5 per cent, to the highest level possible. We would like to reduce VAT on fuel to the lowest possible level. While they would double it, we would halve it."

Mr Brown continued: "After 21 separate tax rises on ordinary families that are the equivalent of 7p in the pound, the priority in tax cannot be to abolish capital gains and inheritance tax, the greatest beneficiaries of which would be the very rich. The tax priority is to cut tax on keeping warm for millions of pensioners and millions of low-income families this winter."

The Government immediately went on the attack against Mr Brown last night. Michael Jack, the Financial Secretary, said he should come clean and admit that he would tax more. Mr Brown had made ten big spending pledges: "Labour will always spend more than the Conservatives. They will therefore have to tax more than the Conservatives. Mr Brown's Brighton tax plans alone will not pay his costly bill."

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said a windfall tax on the utilities would undermine incentives for them to become more efficient.

Today, Mr Blair will use his keynote speech to attack the Tories for allowing the country to grow "old and tired" and tell delegates that Britain must modernise or decline forever.

After a summer of internal rumblings over his leadership style, Mr Blair will try to lift the party beyond recent disputes and look towards a new Britain under Labour. He intends to warn the country that it is entering a new age but "is simply not equipped to meet its challenges".

He will say that 50 years after the war, and five years from the millennium, Britain is at a turning point in its history and must face up to the difficult choices that poses. He will say that it falls upon a revitalised Labour party to lead Britain "back to the premier league of nations".

Setting out policy initiatives on help for single parents, reduction of class sizes, reform of the national lottery, and new measures to boost medical science, he will say: "I did not come into politics to transform my party; I came into politics to transform the country."

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Kevin Keegan teams up with Tony Blair at Brighton yesterday. But his past political links were with John Major, and extended to a kiss for Baroness Thatcher





University may sue over Oxford college claims

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND DAVID CHARTER

OXFORD University is threatening legal action against a private college based just outside the city where 15 American students have walked out claiming they were misled into believing they were joining the ancient seat of learning.

The students, who paid up to $21,000 (£13,290) in fees, are pursuing legal action of their own in the United States. Several spoke yesterday of their anger at discovering the college had no relationship with the university.

Warnborough College, which is licensed in Canada, recruits overseas students using literature emphasising its location. Its prospectus has an introduction headed "The traditions of Oxford, Oxford University and Warnborough College", which says the institution "maintains independence from the other colleges".

The prospectus adds: "Warnborough College is the leading gateway into Oxford for international students, and the only Oxford college that admits US students directly out of high school. Traditionally excluded from the University, US and other international students at the undergraduate level may now receive the same high level of education formerly reserved for British students."

Only about half of the Americans who enrolled last month for degree courses are still at Warnborough. Ian Schuler, an 18-year-old from Pennsylvania, who intends to see out the year, said: "We all thought we were coming to Oxford University. I was furious at the time, but I have borrowed $9,000 and I have nowhere else to go."

Mr Schuler said: "We were told we would have use of the Bodleian Library and other university facilities. The library is completely inadequate and there are no laboratories, the bathrooms were disgusting when we got here, and people were sleeping three or four to a room with one dresser and a wardrobe. The conditions have improved, but there are problems transferring back to US universities."

Paul Flather, the university's senior spokesman, said: "We have had a number of difficulties with private colleges over the years, but this is by far the worst case. We have heard from a number of students who feel that they were badly misled."

The university has written to Warnborough demanding its prospectus is withdrawn. Administrators are also planning to issue a warning on the Internet — where a number of students appear to have learnt of the college.

Mr Flather said Oxford was taking strenuous steps to stop private colleges passing themselves off as part of the university. "We are anxious to protect students."

Friends Britt Sherman, 17, and Edna McLain, 18, both travelled from Illinois to the college, leaving in disgust and heavily out of pocket after less than a week. Ms McLain said the college's representative in Seattle "specifically told me I was going to Oxford University and I would be getting my degree from there".

Ms McLain said she paid $21,000 in student loans and $1,000 of her own money, which she is trying to get back. She had hoped to study international law. Ms McLain claimed: "It was on their course listings but on the second day the dean told me they did not have a law programme."

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Keegan transfer rumour

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

KEVIN KEEGAN, the soccer star friend to John Major and Baroness Thatcher, left delegates at Labour's party conference in Brighton, wondering yesterday whether he would transfer his political affections to Tony Blair.

But the Newcastle United manager and former England football captain, who had been invited to speak at a fringe meeting, swerved past questions with the same agility he showed on the pitch during his playing days.

"I am here in a totally non-political way," he said. He was there to talk about Euro-96, the European football championship being staged in Britain next year for the first time.

Yes, but did his presence in Brighton mean he would vote Labour?

"No, it doesn't ... Don't be fooled by the red jacket."

So he is *not* a Labour supporter? "My politics are my private business," he said. "But my father, a miner, was a staunch Labour man."

Did Mr Keegan like Tony Blair? "I think he is a breath of fresh air," he said. Mr Blair, keen to associate himself with such a popular working class hero, later played head tennis with Mr Keegan for the television cameras. But plenty of other questions remained unanswered. Was it true that Mr Keegan had once expressed political ambitions? "Years ago, I said foolishly that I wanted to be Prime Minister, but I have given that one up now."

And did Mr Keegan, a man not known for shirking a tackle, really once embrace Mrs (now Lady) Thatcher before the 1982 world cup? "I did ... I liked her." And did he kiss Mr Major when he presented the Prime Minister with a Newcastle players' shirt a few weeks ago. "He wouldn't let me," Mr Keegan said.

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£2.8bn electricity bid

BY ERIC REGULY

SOUTHERN Electricity, the regional company that supplies a large tract of Southern England from Surrey to Hampshire, Gloucester and Wiltshire, agreed to recommend a £2.8 billion bid from National Power to its shareholders.

National Power is the larger of the two privatised electricity generators and follows PowerGen which two weeks ago made an agreed bid for Midlands Electricity. The two bids recreate a link that was supposed to have been broken by the break-up of the old Central Electricity Generating Board before the industry was privatised in 1989.

National Power said it expects to recoup substantially more than £1 billion of its £2.8 billion outlay for Southern through the sale of 4,000 megawatts of generating capacity by the end of the year.

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Pregnant rider leads Britain to gold

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY KING, Britain's top three-day-eventer, led Britain to the team gold at the Open European Championships in Italy on Sunday without telling her team-mates that she was five months pregnant.

King, who also won the individual bronze medal, entrusted her secret only to her family, doctor and groom. She has astonished the equestrian world, which on Saturday, watched her tackle one of the sport's toughest courses.

King, 34, who married West Country farmer, David, earlier this year, said from Italy yesterday: "If I had told the selectors they would probably have felt responsible and might have dissuaded me from going. I thought there might also be some bad press, so once my doctor and the team doctor had said he was happy for me to go ahead we just kept it to ourselves."



King: astonished equestrian world

Although King was riding one of the safest cross-country horses in the 11-year-old King William, he is not infallible. At the British Open Championships at Gatcombe in August, when King was about three months pregnant, she fell halfway round the course. "We just said "whoops", " her mother, Jill Thomson, said from her Devon home yesterday. "But she was quite all right."

One of King's main concerns before the championships was fitting into her tailcoat for the dressage phase. The coat only just did up. As soon as she had finished her dressage she took the coat off and pulled out her shirt tails to cover her stomach. "I just kept flapping the shirt about saying 'Isn't it hot?' to everyone."

Dr Michael Dooley, the team doctor, learnt of King's condition only ten days ago — while the team made final preparations at Badminton. "We all have to have a medical," King said. "So I told him as soon as I went in that I was pregnant, and quickly added that I felt fit and well." She has timed the baby so she will be fit for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Although a handful of other riders, including Lorna Clark, a former British team rider, have competed in the early stages of pregnancy no British rider has competed in a championship event at such an advanced stage. Bridget Parker, chairman of the British Three-Day-Event selectors, said yesterday: "I was just very relieved she hadn't told me before."

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Brown pays the price of Blair's eternal youth

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

PSYCHIATRISTS may know the answer. Why should a man — a clever man, a man with only one life to live — choose to take himself down to Brighton early on a wet Monday morning; stand in a hateful warehouse of a hall; tell a thousand grumpy people who do not care for him things they do not wish to hear; then, after enduring a few seconds of their grudging applause, retire to a corridor where a dozen reporters wait to ask him why nobody likes him?

Perhaps in the middle of his speech yesterday the question occurred to Gordon Brown, Labour's chief Treasury spokesman. It may explain why he suddenly attempted a pirouette and then another. Something had snapped.

The most spectacular pirouette occurred during Brown's joke about gravy trains. "The only train that will always run on schedule under the Tories," he said, "is the gravy train." On the word "gravy" Mr Brown lifted himself up on to the tops of his toes, and teetering there, bobbed above the lectern like a bull in ballet shoes. After the joke he came down again, but soon he was lapsing once more into twinkle-toes.

Is there, perhaps, beneath Gordon Brown's baleful and heavy-jowled exterior an Ariel trying to get out? Is the bobbing of some captive spirit a mute protest in ballet against the weight of political responsibility? The gravy train joke was passable, and there were other quite good ones. The speech was fluent, and better delivered than usual. It even contained a handful of the shrivelled raisins that pass for plums in Opposition policy these days.

So why was the mood so flat, the man so leaden? Why does Gordon Brown seem to breathe a sort of despair, his features heavier and paler and wearier with every passing year? He is a young man. Five years ago he looked as young as Tony Blair and as light on his feet. They were in many ways likenesses; yet the divergence between them now is striking.

In *The Picture of Dorian Gray* the central figure seems forever young: his freshness, his beauty and his vigour astonish. But a price is being paid. His likeness is perishing. Upstairs in the attic his portrait in oils is ageing for him in the shadows. It sometimes seems that the beam of sunlight in which Tony Blair perpetually stands has been caught at a price: in the attic his senior henchmen, the companions of his youth, look staler and heavier on their feet with every passing season. Blair stays lively and light, leeching the life from his own party.

Mr Brown was followed by Jack Cunningham, the industry spokesman. His speech plumbed new depths of banality. "Inequality in incomes in Britain is growing faster than in any other developed country except New Zealand" is a pretty dire *opening* to an address, but by the middle of Mr Cunningham's speech that sentence danced with life and elegance by comparison with what had followed.

Delegates began to look up, startled that anything could be so dull. By the end, Mr Cunningham had astonished the conference. Nobody could believe it was possible to sustain such lifeless prose for so long. It became quite a talking point.

Kevin Keegan was better. Addressing a lunchtime gathering of Labour's sports enthusiasts, he brought the crowd to life. They called it a fringe meeting. One glance at Mr Keegan suggested it was more of a perm.

Trimble injects new hope into peace process in Dublin

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DAVID TRIMBLE injected new life into the Northern Ireland peace process yesterday when he became the first leader of the Ulster Unionists in 30 years to hold talks in Dublin with the Irish Prime Minister.

In a move which would have been unthinkable under the leadership of James Molyneaux, Mr Trimble hailed his discussions with John Bruton as "positive and constructive". The two leaders joked and chatted amiably as they posed for photographs before the lunch meeting.

At a joint press conference with Mr Bruton after the meeting Mr Trimble said: "Channels of communication have been established and we have shown quite clearly that we are prepared to take the Unionist case to wherever it matters."

Mr Trimble made no secret of his differences with Mr Bruton and he insisted that the IRA must decommission its weapons before Sinn Fein could join full talks. He also spelt out his party's anger at Dublin's decision to postpone last month's Anglo-Irish summit.

The MP for Upper Bann used diplomatic language at the press conference on the arms issue. But in an article in yesterday's *Irish Times* he said: "The reality is that Unionists, after 25 years of bombing and shooting, do not trust IRA/Sinn Fein and will not sit down to discuss any constitutional proposals so long as they have the ability to leave the table and begin murdering again when they do not get their way."

Mr Bruton described yesterday's talks as an important step forward. He said: "The fact that more people are talking to other people than was the case a few months ago means that inexorably we are moving towards an all-inclusive dialogue ... There is a calmer atmosphere now in regard to the discussions than there was a few weeks ago."

Dublin was encouraged when Mr Trimble said he would be willing to talk to Sinn Fein across the floor of a new Northern Ireland Assembly. Although Dublin will not agree to an Assembly before a settlement in the Province Irish officials regard Mr Trimble's proposal as an imaginative contribution.

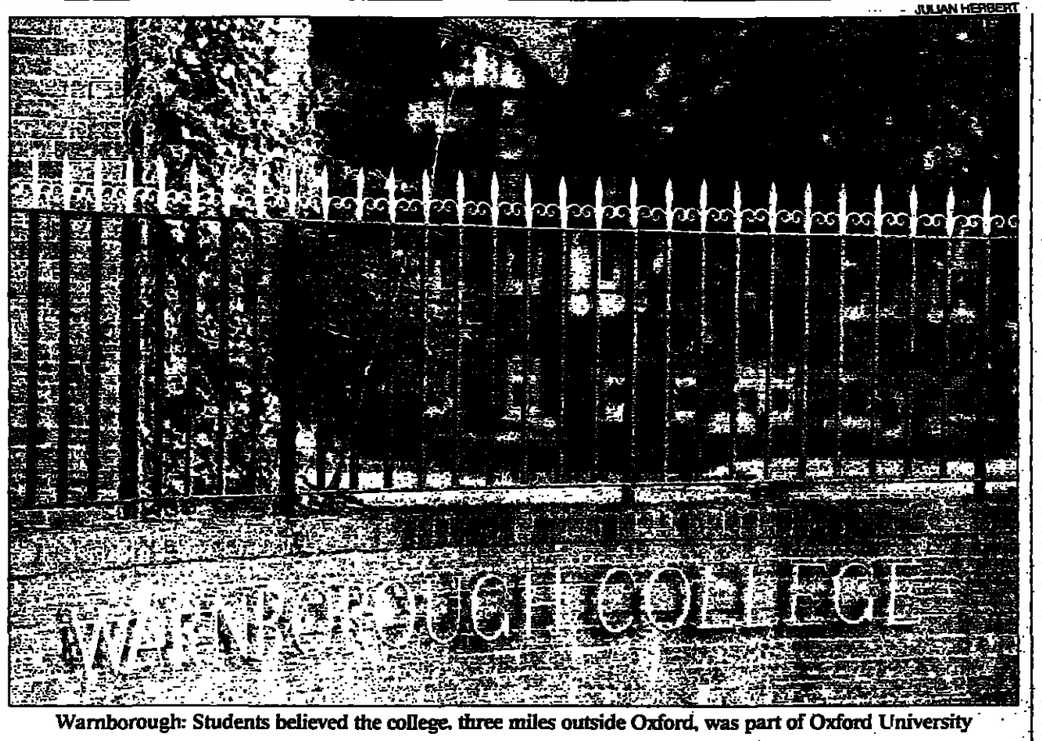
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The Irish Pime Minister John Bruton welcoming the Ulster Unionsist leader David Trimble

JULIAN HERBERT



Warnborough: Students believed the college, three miles outside Oxford, was part of Oxford University

University may sue 'Oxford' college

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Miss Sherman, who was hoping to study archaeology and anthropology, said the facilities were dilapidated and dirty. She has now enrolled at an American university. She added: "The information they gave us was really ambiguous."

The Attorney General's office in Washington State said it was suing the college's recruitment office in Seattle. A spokesman said the charges were that the college had "no current authorisation to operate as a degree-granting authority" and that "it misled and deceived a substantial proportion of the public into believing Warnborough is a college in the Oxford University system."

The writ accuses Warnborough's American recruiters of "relying on the worldwide reputation of Oxford University to engage in acts and practices that have a tendency and capacity to deceive potential students into believing that Warnborough is an Oxford University college, when in truth and in fact it is not". It adds: "Warnborough is not licensed or authorised to grant degrees by any state in the United States, the District of Columbia, or the United Kingdom."

The attorney general of Washington State issued the writ against the college, its American admissions director, Mark Huck, and college president, Dr Brendon D. Tempest-Mogg.

The financial director, Jason Cronshaw, agreed the college's literature could be misinterpreted and said it would be changed next year.

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Judge halts Taylforth assault trial

A JUDGE has halted the forthcoming trial of Geoffrey Knights, who denies wounding his girlfriend, the *EastEnders* actress Gillian Taylforth. Mr Knights also denies an alternative charge of unlawfully wounding Miss Taylforth's driver, during an incident on Easter Sunday outside the couple's home in Whetstone, north London.

Judge Sanders is expected to spell out the reasons for his decision in a detailed judgment at Harrow Crown court tomorrow. Mr Knights, 41, a consultant, had been scheduled for trial at the court on October 16 accused of causing Miss Taylforth's driver, Martin Davies, grievous bodily harm with intent.

There has been mounting concern about the effects of pre-trial publicity in a number of cases, notably last year's appeal by the Taylor sisters, Michelle and Lisa, whose convictions for the murder of Alison Shaughnessy were subsequently quashed. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, and other senior judges have had talks with the Law Society on the issue.

Widow's £33,000 mortgage payout

BY TIM JONES AND ANNE ASHWORTH

A WOMAN whose house was repossessed when her husband died has agreed a settlement of £33,493 with the building society and solicitors she blamed for making her homeless.

Patricia Gifford claimed the Halifax Building Society had failed to advise her to take out life assurance to cover the mortgage on her cottage. She also claimed against her solicitors, Steed & Steed, of Sudbury, Suffolk. In making the settlement at the High Court in London yesterday, the Halifax and Steed & Steed emphatically denied liability or negligence.

Her husband Roy, 60, died of a heart attack shortly after they bought their home in Great Henny, near Sudbury, for £22,540 from Braintree District Council. Mrs Gifford, a craft worker, was liable for the repayments.

In desperation, she remortgaged the property to another company and paid off the Halifax but was unable to keep up repayments and it was repossessed. Mrs Gifford, who now lives with a friend in Enfield, north London, claimed that the Halifax never told the couple they needed life assurance to cover the mortgage. The couple, who had eight children, were asked about their health and assumed the Halifax would arrange cover and add premiums to the monthly repayments.

The Gifford case highlights the responsibilities owed by banks and building societies to borrowers. A spokesman for the Building Societies Association said: "A lender must give correct information on which borrowers may base a decision. It is the lender's duty to carry out borrowers' instructions correctly."

The Gifford case comes against a background of complaints by mortgage borrowers about the advice given by lenders. Earlier this month the High Court awarded damages of £77,529 to Julia Verity and Richard Spindler, who had relied on the advice of a Lloyds Bank manager when making a property investment.

Boycotted French apples dumped on British market

BY EDWARD GORMAN

APPLE-GROWERS claim that they could be driven out of business by low-priced French apples being dumped on the British market from countries boycotting French produce because of nuclear tests in the Pacific.

A boycott of French produce in British restaurants and supermarkets continues in the wake of the latest test at the weekend, though its overall impact is patchy.

Malcolm Schofield, managing director of the English Fruit Company, which represents more than half of English apple sellers, said that tons of French apples originally intended for Germany and Scandinavia were flooding the market and forcing prices down sharply. "Our market is being destabilised by a flood of French apples at ridiculously low prices which don't even cover the cost of production."

He added that unlike some consumers on the Continent, shoppers in Britain were being attracted by golden delicious apples at reduced prices in preference to more expensive English coxes. "Unfortunately, customers over here just see French apples as good value for money. They don't realise that if this goes on much longer we could see half the apples growers in this country go out of business."

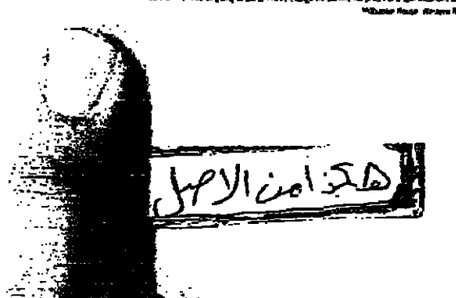
In London restaurants, the boycott of French food and wines has gathered impetus after the latest nuclear explosion. The Atlantic Bar & Grill in Piccadilly has been raising up to £2,000 a week from diners who are invited to pay a £5 surcharge on bottles of French wine and champagne and £1 on a glass of wine. The proceeds are going to a charity involved in environmental and community work in Tahiti.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Venables libel action settled

The England football coach Terry Venables and Tony Berry, deputy chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, yesterday settled a libel action brought over an allegation in Mr Venables' autobiography that Mr Berry had paid £20,000 for documents stolen from one of Mr Venables' companies. Mr Berry began proceedings after the *Mail on Sunday* serialised extracts from the book.

The publisher Michael Joseph Ltd and Associated Newspapers agreed to pay Mr Berry "substantial" undisclosed damages together with his legal costs. Together with Mr Venables, they expressed their sincere regret that Mr Berry was wrongly implicated. Afterwards Mr Berry said the damages and costs of the action taken together were well into six figures.

Arms contract

The Army is to buy shells from Israel after the Ministry of Defence rejected a bid by a British company for the £50 million contract. The MoD said that the Israeli bid offered better value than that from Royal Ordnance. A spokesman said it had considered the impact on British industry and employment but still preferred the Israeli offer. The Israelis have pledged to involve British firms in the deal.

Heseltine aide

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has appointed a personal press officer. The move is seen as a further example of the increasing power of Mr Heseltine's office and his intention to exert his influence across the range of government. Michael Horne, 51, a career diplomat who has also worked in the Downing Street press office, takes up the post next week, in time for the Conservative party conference.

Hunt stepped up

Oxfordshire police have drafted in extra officers to track down the "obsessive or compulsive" killer of Vikki Thompson who was attacked while walking her dog in the Cotswold village of Ascott-under-Wychwood on August 12. Police said that there had been a spate of thefts of women's underwear from washing lines before the attack and that two bras found near the murder scene could be vital to the case.

Police apology

David Coker, 36, who was beaten by police in his home after a domestic disturbance and suffered facial wounds and back injuries, has won £45,000 damages at Exeter County Court, and a public apology from John Evans, the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall police. PC Paul Mason, an officer called to the scene, committed suicide after giving evidence at the subsequent trial of a colleague.

Probation fight

Probation officers are preparing to mount a legal challenge to plans by Michael Howard to scrap the requirement that new recruits have social work qualifications. The National Association of Probation Officers said it had consulted lawyers about seeking a judicial review. Officials said the Home Secretary's new system flew in the face of evidence underlining the importance of high quality training.

Wren jailed

A Wren was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and dismissed from the Royal Navy yesterday after being found guilty of taking part in an attempt to steal a valuable painting from a wardroom. A court martial in Portsmouth was told that April Chandler, 21, from Dundee, smuggled the painting of a submarine, *C33 Entering the Creek*, by W. L. Wyllie, from the HMS Dolphin base where she worked as a steward.

Company boss 'made cast-off mistresses redundant'

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO women managers who had an affair with their married boss and who were both made redundant when the affairs ended are taking him to an industrial tribunal.

Jennifer McMillan and Ruth Donnachie, from Ardrossan, Strathclyde, are both claiming constructive dismissal. They had a relationship with Michael Dale, vice-president and general manager of Saztec Europe, part of an American data processing company, based in Ardrossan. Miss Donnachie's sister, who worked for the company, was also made redundant.

An industrial tribunal in Glasgow heard that Mr Dale struck up a relationship with each of the women in turn. Miss Donnachie, 29, production manager-designate for Saztec, told how her flat was decorated at the company's expense and how she was given 5,000 shares for her work in helping to make the company profitable. But she also said that her boss lost his temper and swore at her when she told him she was seeing someone else.

"He said I was an evil bitch, that I was pure poison and that I would regret everything. He said he was going to hurt me more than I ever knew."

Miss Donnachie said she replied that there was nothing he could do apart from sacking her and was told by Mr Dale: "I can do more than that." A week later Miss Donnachie's sister, who was the company's personnel manager, was sacked.

Miss Donnachie said the relationship began while she and Mr Dale were in the Philippines on a business trip in July 1992 and were staying in the same hotel.



Jennifer McMillan, left, and Ruth Donnachie, who both had an affair with Michael Dale

She said that she did not want the affair to continue on her return to Scotland but that it carried on until March 1994 when she told Mr Dale she was seeing someone else. She was made redundant some weeks later and said that although her selection for redundancy was "a farce", she did not contest it at the time as she would have left the company within months. "I just wanted to get away," she said. Mr Dale, who admitted the affairs with both women but told the tribunal they were "howling mistakes", said he became intimate with Mrs McMillan when Miss Donnachie left. He said he still missed Miss Donnachie, whose company car was given to Mrs McMillan, a senior supervisor, when she was made redundant.

Mr Dale said of his relationship with Mrs McMillan: "Like a lot of relationships it went sour. We all make mistakes and I made two howling mistakes."

He said the company's president, Guy Abernathy, told him he had been "very stupid". "He warned me that I was not to do it again."

He denied that he had anything to do with the departure of Mrs McMillan but he admitted having a hand in the redundancy of both Miss Donnachie and her sister, whom he said were "surplus to requirements".

Mrs McMillan said that when she returned to work after being ill with stress following the end of her affair with Mr Dale, she felt rejected and isolated. She said: "I felt very humiliated." When she went back to work on October 10, 1994, she had no desk or office, her personal belongings were missing and she faced a drop in salary. When she asked Ann Barlow, the company's general manager, what was happening she was told: "Jenny, I do not have time for this. I have too many other problems."

Mrs McMillan said: "I was senior supervisor, then suddenly I was back on the shop floor. It took me seven and a half years to work my way up and I worked very hard to get there." She said that no reason had been given by Mr Dale for their affair coming to an end.

Mr Dale was deputy general manager of Saztec Europe when the affairs took place, but has since been promoted. He is married with two daughters and lives in Yateley, Hampshire. The tribunal will reconvene next month.

Man who had irreversible vasectomy challenges maintenance claim

Test-tube daughter is not legally mine, father tells CSA

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A MAN whose daughter was conceived in a test tube using donor sperm is challenging a maintenance claim by the Child Support Agency.

Michael Bloor, 46, who registered the birth of Stephanie when she was three days old, giving his name as the father, is being pursued for maintenance of £102 a week. The CSA will have to take Mr Bloor to court to establish if Stephanie, 10, is legally his daughter, because she was born before the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, 1990.

Mr Bloor and his former wife, Sylvia, 42, were married in July 1984. Both had been married previously and Mrs Bloor already had a son. Mr Bloor, a father of five, had undergone an irreversible vasectomy.

The couple visited a clinic for artificial insemination using anonymous donor sperm. Stephanie was born in July 1985 at All Saints Hospital in Chatham, Kent. In October 1993 the couple parted and Mr Bloor began paying £120 a week voluntary maintenance. He later reduced payments to £80 and stopped paying last November.

Mrs Bloor, a part-time warden in an old peoples' home, needed family credit of £41 a week to top up her earnings.



Mrs Bloor: explained facts of life to Stephanie

The CSA made an interim assessment saying Mr Bloor, an installations manager for a window company, should pay £102 a week if he was decreed to be Stephanie's father.

The couple went to Hastings County Court last May for a ruling on the apportionment of their detached home near Hastings, East Sussex, where Mrs Bloor lives with Stephanie. In an affidavit Mr Bloor said: "Although there are two children of the family, Brendan Bloor, who is 16, and Stephanie Bloor, who is nine, I am not the natural father of either child. Stephanie was conceived by means of artificial insemination. I had an irreversible vasectomy approximately 17 years ago."

He added: "I agree that the Child Support Agency made an interim assessment. However, as I am not Stephanie's biological parent, the agency should not have any jurisdiction and I understand that the agency has now approached the petitioner for her consent for DNA testing."

The CSA confirmed that children born from artificial insemination by anonymous donors at registered clinics were treated as the off-spring of the mother's husband or partner. The rules deciding that a man who signs a fertility clinic consent form is legally the father were only introduced by the 1990 Act.

Mrs Bloor said yesterday: "We knew since May the reason why he was disputing. I didn't really know how to tell Stephanie. I thought it best not to tell her while she was at school, so I waited until the beginning of her holidays.

"I sat down and told her briefly how children are conceived. The next day I told her she ought to know how she was conceived. I explained that we had to use somebody else's sperm because her dad had had an operation.

"Her first reaction was, 'He is not my real dad'. I said, 'No, but he is your dad.' Although we didn't use his sperm, he sees himself as her dad. She sees him as her dad. Stephanie has taken it all very well. I was surprised."

Mrs Bloor is adamant that her former husband should support Stephanie. "I feel he is legally responsible," she said. "To all intents and purposes, having Stephanie was something we both talked about and something we agreed on."

Mr Bloor was believed to be abroad last night.

ANDREW HASSON



Bloor with Stephanie at one week. "He sees himself as her dad," his ex-wife said

Surrogate mother takes court action for return of baby

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A SURROGATE mother who accepted £8,000 in exchange for her baby has started a court action to have the boy returned to her. Gillian Smith, 38, said she has regretted her role as a surrogate from the moment her son was born in March this year.

Ms Smith, a single mother who has four other children, has lodged a writ at a Sheriff Court in the baby's home town. She wants custody of the six-month-old boy. Earlier this year a sheriff granted interim custody to the Scots couple to whom she gave the baby. At that time Ms Smith was also denied access.

Ms Smith claims she was put in touch with the couple, whom she has not named, by the charity Childness Overcome Through Surrogacy, known as Cots, which is run by Gena Dodds from her home in Lairg, Sutherland.

Ms Smith's baby was conceived by artifical insemination using the woman's husband's sperm in her home on a council estate in the north of England in June 1994. Ms Smith had met the couple in April, having previously filled in a form giving her height, weight, colour of eyes and a photograph. She had doubts about her decision thoughout the pregnancy, although she got on well with the couple.

Ms Smith gave birth to the 9lb baby boy on March 30. She has consistently refused to sign adoption papers.

In an interview with the *Daily Record*, Ms Smith says: "Initially I did it for the money. I wanted to put something aside for my other kids but when I looked at his little face, he was just the same as my other kids when they were born. The difference was I was giving him away.

"I just felt empty. When you have a baby you're happy, tired and so relieved its all over. But I felt sick inside. The couple... came to the hospital an hour after the birth. I could see their delight. I went home and cried my eyes out."

Ms Smith said she was given £1,000 at Chrismas and £7,000 in an envelope after the baby was born. She says she believes her chances of getting her son back are slim. But she said: "I will be paying for the rest of my life for what I did and I don't expect anybody to understand it."

Baroness brands case a rotten cause

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

BARONESS WARNOCK, who chaired the inquiry into human fertilisation and embryology which reported in 1984, said cases such as the Bloors showed that artificial insemination by anonymous donors was "an absolutely rotten cause", and only marginally more desirable than surrogacy.

"There is everything to be said against it," she said. "The lack of balance between the parents is almost bound to tell even if a disaster like this does not happen." But she said that there was no question of bringing in legislation.

Baroness Warnock said that the couple should have told their child from an early age that she had been produced by artificial insemination, in the same way that adoptive parents are recommended to let their children know where they come from. "It is appallingly wrong to bring somebody up under a misapprehension."

She said she was convinced that the husband would have to pay for the child's upkeep. "I don't think he has got a leg to stand on. I suppose he is arguing the present law doesn't affect him, like a man refusing to support his adopted child if a marriage breaks up. I don't think anyone would think that morally justifiable. The fact that he consented and signed the birth certificate meant that he could not get away with it and his biological distance from the child has nothing to do with it, just as it wouldn't in the case of adoption."

Football officials 'lived like fat cats'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BRIAN CLOUGH'S Nottingham Forest Football Club was accused of "a combination of corruption and dishonesty" yesterday by a lawyer defending its former ticket manager. "Any cat could get fat," he said.

Club officials were "living lives they could not afford", having lavish holidays and expensive meals, said Jonathan Teare, representing Andrew Plumb, 31. Mr Teare also accused the club of failing to disclose its accounts after Plumb plundered an estimated £70,000 from their funds.

Plumb, of Awsworth, Nottinghamshire, admitted 16 charges of theft and false accounting between June 1991 and November 1992 and was jailed for two years. Keith Jackson, for the prosecution, told Nottingham Crown Court that the "balloon went up" while Plumb and his wife were "sunning themselves in Thailand" in September 1993.

Tottenham Hotspur became suspicious after a £20,000 cheque sent by them to Nottingham Forest was not accounted for. Plumb protested his innocence on a Granada Television World In Action programme screened in September 1993, a few days before the fraud squad was called in. Mr Jackson said Plumb told the programme that he had been covering up for Mr Clough, alleging that the former Forest manager had received 2,000 tickets for the 1992 Rumbelows Cup Final between Forest and Manchester United.

Plumb claimed Mr Clough sold those tickets on the black market and banked the proceeds. "These allegations were investigated and found to be untrue," Mr Jackson said. "Mr Clough can be shown to have paid for the tickets."

But Mr Teare claimed that was "not strictly correct", and added: "The matter has been investigated. Mr Clough has denied it, but he has never sued the *World In Action* programme. Mr Plumb told the programme that Mr Clough had demanded 19,000 tickets for the Rumbelows final. It is believed that they were sold on the black market.

"Mr Clough has denied it but it is a fact that Manchester United fans were able to buy tickets in the centre of the Nottingham Forest-allocated seats. Mr Clough, the flamboyant and extrovert manager at the time, was behaving extremely dishonestly."

Policeman clung to woman's car

BY RICHARD DUCE

A RETIRED police chief clung to the bonnet of his neighbour's car as she drove at speeds of up to 50mph, a court was told yesterday. Michael Somerton, 57, a former superintendent, held onto the windscreen wipers as Lorna Greinel drove three miles before stopping, it was alleged.

Mr Somerton told Luton Crown Court that as Mrs Greinel, 41, sped through the countryside he could hear her saying: "You silly man, you silly man, it's a pity it's not raining." Mrs Greinel's three children, aged four, five and 14 months, were said to have been in the back seat but Mr Somerton did not notice them until the vehicle eventually came to a halt.

The court was told that the neighbours, of Eversholt, Bedfordshire, had been involved in a protracted dispute which boiled over when Mr Somerton attempted to intervene in a dispute in August last year between Mrs Greinel and a woman who rented land from her to keep horses.

As the argument developed, he ran across to stop his wife being hit by Mrs Greinel's car, was struck by it and fell across the bonnet. "My back was towards the car and my feet were towards the front. I was able to sit up straight put my hands back and grasp the windscreen wipers."

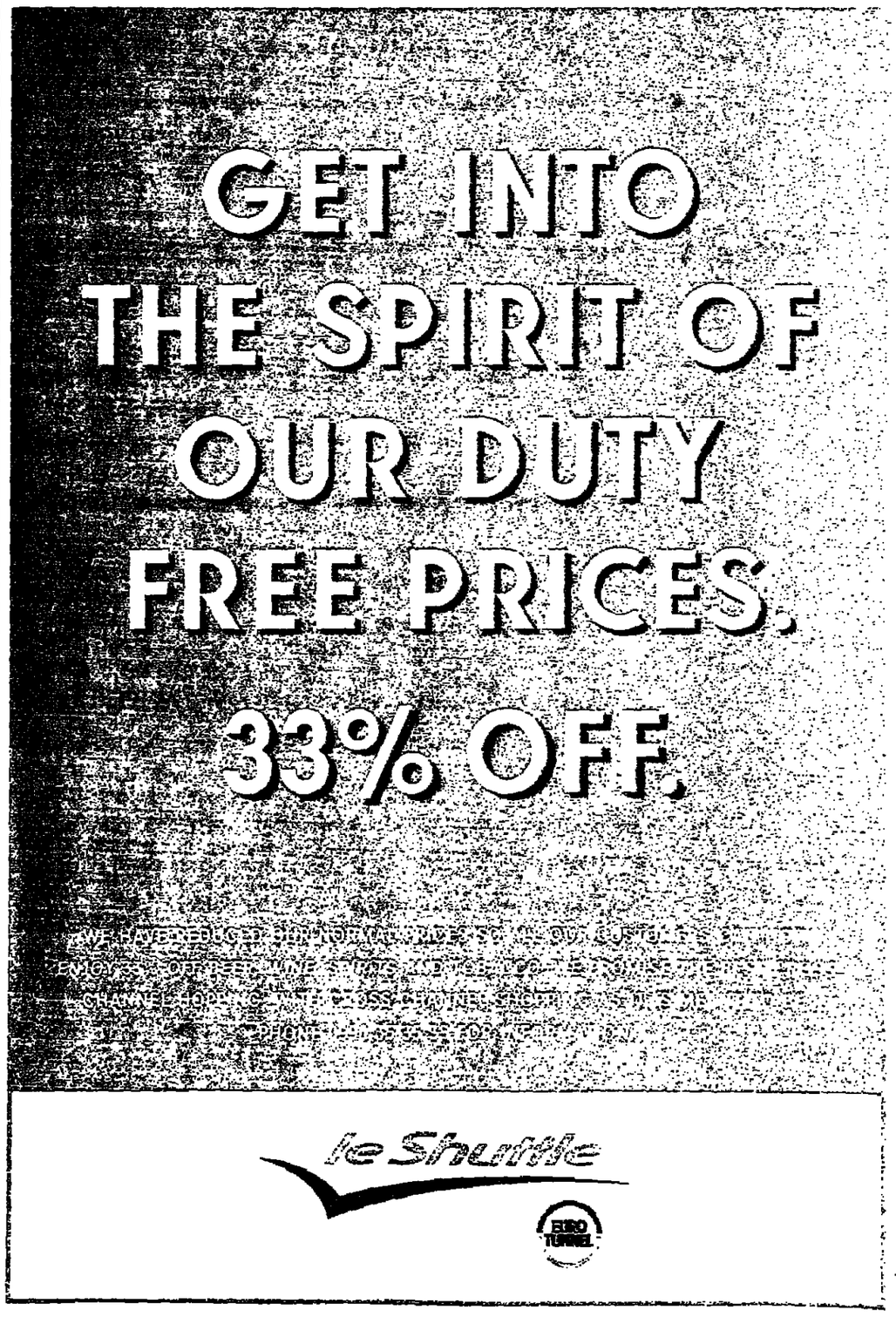
Mr Somerton, who was wearing just a T-shirt and shorts, said that when the car went across a bridge over the M1 he thought: "If she takes me on that, I've had it."

The jury was told that Mr Somerton and Mrs Greinel, who denies dangerous driving, had known each other for more than ten years and first met when she served as a special constable under his command in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, in 1982.

In court he claimed that she had been dismissed as a constable and since then had tried to make his life a misery. No reason for the dismissal was given to the court.

Lynne Tayton, for the defence, suggested that Mr Somerton had jumped onto the car bonnet to stop Mrs Greinel driving off. Miss Tayton said: "Miss Greinel said 'If you don't get off I am going to take you to the police station.' And you said 'I am the police.'" Mr Somerton replied: "That is a total untruth."

The trial continues.



Earth Centre in Yorkshire and revitalised Portsmouth Harbour gain lottery grants

Green theme park wins £50m millennium cash

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND NICK NUTTALL

A VISIONARY environmental theme park in Yorkshire and a futuristic 540ft observation tower in Portsmouth Harbour are the first landmark projects to receive National Lottery money from the Millennium Commission.

The two schemes take the lion's share of £109 million being handed out to 54 projects in the Commission's second round of grants, announced yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary.

Mrs Bottomley, who also chairs the commission, said that the projects "share a clear emphasis on the environment, on conservation and on providing new public access to the world around us for present and future generations".

The biggest award, £50 million, goes towards the construction of the Earth Centre, an educational and environmental theme park near Doncaster, in South Yorkshire. Its supporters claim it will help make Britain a world leader in environmentally friendly agriculture, architecture, industry, energy generation and transport. The project also aims to regenerate the depressed mining community by spawning environmental industries, such as pollution control firms, and will create 800 jobs.

Mrs Bottomley said it would be "the largest education complex built in the UK since the Victorian museums of South Kensington". The £112 million scheme, on 142 hectares in Conisbrough, aims to attract between 1.3 million and 2.5 million visitors by the turn of the century and to show how a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous world can be achieved.



Virginia Bottomley with Max, an eagle owl, at London Zoo, which received a £2.2 million grant

Some of its ideas, including a plan for Britain's first organic fish farm which will ban antibiotics and pesticides and which will reuse wastes as fertiliser, have been devised by unemployed former miners.

At the heart of the centre, whose president is Sir Crispin Tickell, one of the Prime Minister's advisers on environmental issues and a former British permanent representative to the United Nations, will be three pavilions each addressing environmental themes of the 21st century.

The Science and Industry pavilion will demonstrate the latest developments in environmentally friendly industry, manufacturing, business and scientific research.

The Ark, designed as a giant butterfly, will use the latest multimedia, computer and theme park technology to show how man is affecting the planet and what can be done to improve it. The Sustainable Futures centre will demonstrate 2,000 case studies of companies and communities that have adapted to be more environmentally sensitive.

An £86 million scheme for the redevelopment of Portsmouth Harbour, which will provide public access to coastal land previously occupied by the Royal Navy, receives £40 million from the Commission.

Jennifer Page, the Commission's chief executive, said that the centrepiece, a 540ft tower visible from far out in the Channel, might not be ready by the start of the year 2000 but walkways around the harbour should be. The tower's designs have been sent to the Royal Fine Art Commission for consultation and further work.

The harbour scheme, a joint venture between local councils in the Portsmouth and Gosport area and private enterprise, also includes plans for a giant jet fountain in the middle of the harbour, lit by lasers, and the construction of a new building to house the hull of the *Mary Rose*, which was part of Henry VIII's navy.

The commission also announced a grant of £5.75 million towards the creation of a Millennium Forest for Scotland. The Trans-Peninne Trail, a 446 mile route for walkers and cyclists stretching from Merseyside to Humberside, received £5.33 million. The Welsh Highland Railway Restoration project received £4.3 million towards the restoration of a rail link between Porthmadog and Caernafon in Wales. London Zoo was awarded £2.2 million for the construction of a conservation education centre.

PHIL CALLAGHAN



Jonathan Smales, of the Earth Centre, with a model of the Millennium Ark

Gunmen jailed for part in drug war

Two gunmen involved in a violent drugs war in the Strathclyde town of Paisley were jailed yesterday. John McLaughlin, 27, was jailed for 12 years for attempted murder. He shot a man in the head at close range but the man survived. Gerard McTavish, 32, was jailed for six years for shooting a man in the leg.

Paisley has been the scene of gang warfare over the supply of the drug temazepam. Police have cracked down after a number of violent crimes.

Custody death

A 33-year-old man died while in police custody. Francis Nicholls, of Liverpool, was arrested on Sunday. He was found unconscious early yesterday and certified dead at hospital. An inquiry has been started.

Bomb memorial

A memorial to the 21 people killed by the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974 will be erected at St Philip's Cathedral in the city after church leaders withdrew their objections to victims' names being included.

Dockers sacked

Three hundred dockers in Liverpool were sacked for refusing to cross a picket line in support of 80 dockers who had lost their jobs with another company. New contracts have been sent to about 200 of the sacked workers.

Father in court

Andrew Cartwright, 40, appeared before magistrates in Dudley, West Midlands, charged with the murder of his daughter Emma, 14, whose body was found at her home in Kingswinford, on Saturday.

Verdi goes pop

Elton John and Sir Tim Rice are to write a modern musical version of Verdi's opera *Aida* for Walt Disney. John told BBC Radio 1 the show would be staged first, then made into an animated feature if it was successful.

☐ Mr C H Baily (report, September 27) is a land agent acting for a local landowner, and has no connection with Whinfell Forest Action Group.

☐ Endike school, Humberside, is the first primary school to achieve Investor in People status (article, September 27).

Satellite advances laser technology

BY NICK NUTTALL

A REVOLUTIONARY satellite dubbed the "superhighway in the sky" will be unveiled today by the European Space Agency.

The craft will test laser beams to communicate with Earth and with other spacecraft. It is expected to transform global telecommunications and computer links. The emerging telecommunications networks rely on fibre-optic cables. These use light to beam information, including telephone calls, data and images, around the world.

Among the weak points in these growing networks are the satellite links. Satellites use radio links, which are unlikely to be able to cope with the impending increase in transmissions. Satellites are also unable to relay information between each other.

This adds to the communications bottleneck; signals have to be beamed between space and Earth to reach the other side of the world.

Some companies and organisations, such as national meteorological offices and those using space for environmental monitoring are often forced to beam down information to an inconveniently distant location. They then have to wait weeks for a tape to arrive. With satellites able to communicate with each other in seconds by laser, the information could be handed on and beamed down to the right country almost instantaneously.

The craft, *Artemis*, being unveiled at the Telecom '95 fair in Geneva, has a device called Silex which can beam or receive laser light. British engineers at Matra Marconi Space in Portsmouth and the research company Sira in Chislehurst, southeast London, are developing some of the technologies. *Artemis* is scheduled for launch in 1998.

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Film convicts traveller of attack on police car

TV evidence sends poll tax rioter to jail five years on

BY LIN JENKINS

A POLL tax rioter who was filmed by television cameras hurling a pole through the window of a police car during the Trafalgar Square riots was jailed for two years and ten months yesterday, five and a half years after the event.

Nicholas Jeffries, a New Age traveller, went on the run after his attack was broadcast around the world, but was finally caught when he tried to dodge a train fare while hiding in Amsterdam. Yesterday Jeffries, father of a five-year-old son, appeared at the Old Bailey for what Mr Justice Hooper called his "completely and utterly unjustified" attack with a pole from a protest banner.

BBC and ITN camera footage of Trafalgar Square on March 31, 1990, was played to the court, showing Jeffries running at a British Transport Police car and hurling the pole like a javelin through the driver's window. PC Robert Huntley, who was driving, was showered with glass and received a cut nose and forehead but escaped serious injury. After the case he said: "The vehicle was completely unprotected. It was only afterwards when I saw it on video that I realised the enormity of what happened."

The judge said: "It was a serious and prolonged attack which could not be justified by anything the defendant thought he saw shortly before he started the attack."

Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, said Jeffries attacked five police vehicles, battering at the windows with the pole and a dustbin lid and bashing one with a metal crash barrier while officers inside heard shouts of "Kill them". That day thousands of people had demonstrated their concern about the introduction of the community charge.

"Among many thousands of peaceful demonstrators was a hard core, intent on using the protest for attacks on police and property," he said. "A number of police officers on duty described the incidents as the most frightening of their careers. They believed that members of the crowd were intent on causing them serious harm and there were times where they feared for their lives."

Jeffries, of no fixed address, admitted violent disorder and causing actual bodily harm to PC Huntley. Pleas of not guilty to rioting and causing grievous bodily harm were accepted by the prosecution.

Mr Laidlaw said the car was attacked as PC Huntley reversed to escape the violence. "It is the most serious of the events captured on film."

Jeffries has convictions for smuggling amphetamines, theft, motoring offences and possession of drugs. He had absconded from a 15-month jail term at Shepton Mallet prison while attending a job interview in June 1989.

After he was identified in press photographs of the riot he fled the country and spent some time in Sweden before settling in Holland with his girlfriend, Sharon, and son, Finn.

Dexter Dias, representing Jeffries, said he acted only after one of the police personnel carriers drove through the crowd at about 20mph and knocked over a demonstrator. "He accepts that he overreacted."

Jeffries was frustrated that the police van had not moved. "Because he thought they were causing a danger he took up a variety of items that he used to hit the side of the vans with considerable force," Mr Dias said.

The judge sentenced Jeffries to two years on the charge of violent disorder and ten months for the assault, to run consecutively. That sentence was reduced by eight months because of the four months he had already served in Holland.



Nicholas Jeffries as he was pictured on television in Trafalgar Square in 1990

Strangled girl may have led double life

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE strangled and decomposed body found on the West Yorkshire moors at the weekend was that of a South African schoolgirl who may have led a double life.

The body of Nobantu Zani, 15, who lived in Bradford and was known to friends as Mandy, was found near Druids Altar, Bingley, by a man walking his dog. Police said she had been strangled with her own scarf but there was no sign of a struggle. Mandy, who attended Buttershaw high school, Bradford, was found in a natural depression, her body covered by branches.

She was last seen in Bradford on September 11 waiting to catch a bus to Halifax. Police said Mandy's family had not reported her missing because they thought she was staying with a friend.

Detective Superintendent Tony Whittle said: "In early September we don't know where she was living. It may be she was living a double life but there is no evidence to suggest she was a prostitute."

Diabetics will be losers as charities battle in court

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

TWO charities for diabetes sufferers were locked in a legal battle yesterday that could end in a substantial financial drain on the cause they both represent.

At the start of the High Court case, which could last two weeks, Mr Justice Walker expressed dismay that, "one way or another", the legal costs would have to be paid out of charitable funds.

The British Diabetic Association (BDA), which was founded in 1934 by the diabetic novelist H.G. Wells, is in dispute with its breakaway rival, the Diabetic Society, formed in 1990. Together they support Britain's one million diabetics. At issue is an annual income worth £9 million in collections, gifts and bequests.

The BDA is accusing its fledgeling rival of passing itself off as being the same as, or connected, with the association. In the unusual case, which could lead to legal costs of up to £100,000, the BDA is seeking an injunction to prevent the alleged passing off and an inquiry into what financial damage it might have suffered.

Mr Justice Walker was told that lawyers had made every effort to resolve the dispute, but to no avail. The BDA, which employs 67 staff at its London headquarters and has 450 branches throughout Britain, says that the society is causing confusion among members of the public, particularly people who want to leave money to diabetic welfare and research.

The BDA relies on bequests as a primary means of income and has produced evidence in the form of wills to show that people have used a variety of titles to indicate that the BDA was the intended beneficiary of sums ranging from £100 to £1.3 million.

The association says it is also popularly known as "the diabetic society" and has throughout its history received legacies and gifts under that and similar names which were intended for it.

The difficulty has been compounded because its local branches have come to be known as the "diabetic society", particularly among the elderly, and because until 1954 the BDA was called the Diabetic Association.

The Diabetic Society was incorporated in October, 1990, by Arthur Bennett, a former regional representative of the BDA, and Gillian Atkin. Its income is said to be comparatively tiny but the BDA is concerned that money intended for the senior body, even though wrongly attributed, could increasingly find its way into the funds of its rival.

The judge said it seemed "very regrettable that so much money is being spent on one charity fighting another".

It is understood that the BDA, embarrassed by having to spend heavily on legal costs from its charitable income, has raised with the Charity Commission the possibility of setting up a binding arbitration scheme to which charities in dispute could apply in future.

The hearing continues today.



H.G. Wells: diabetic who founded the BDA

Journalists duped top clothes shops

BY A STAFF REPORTER

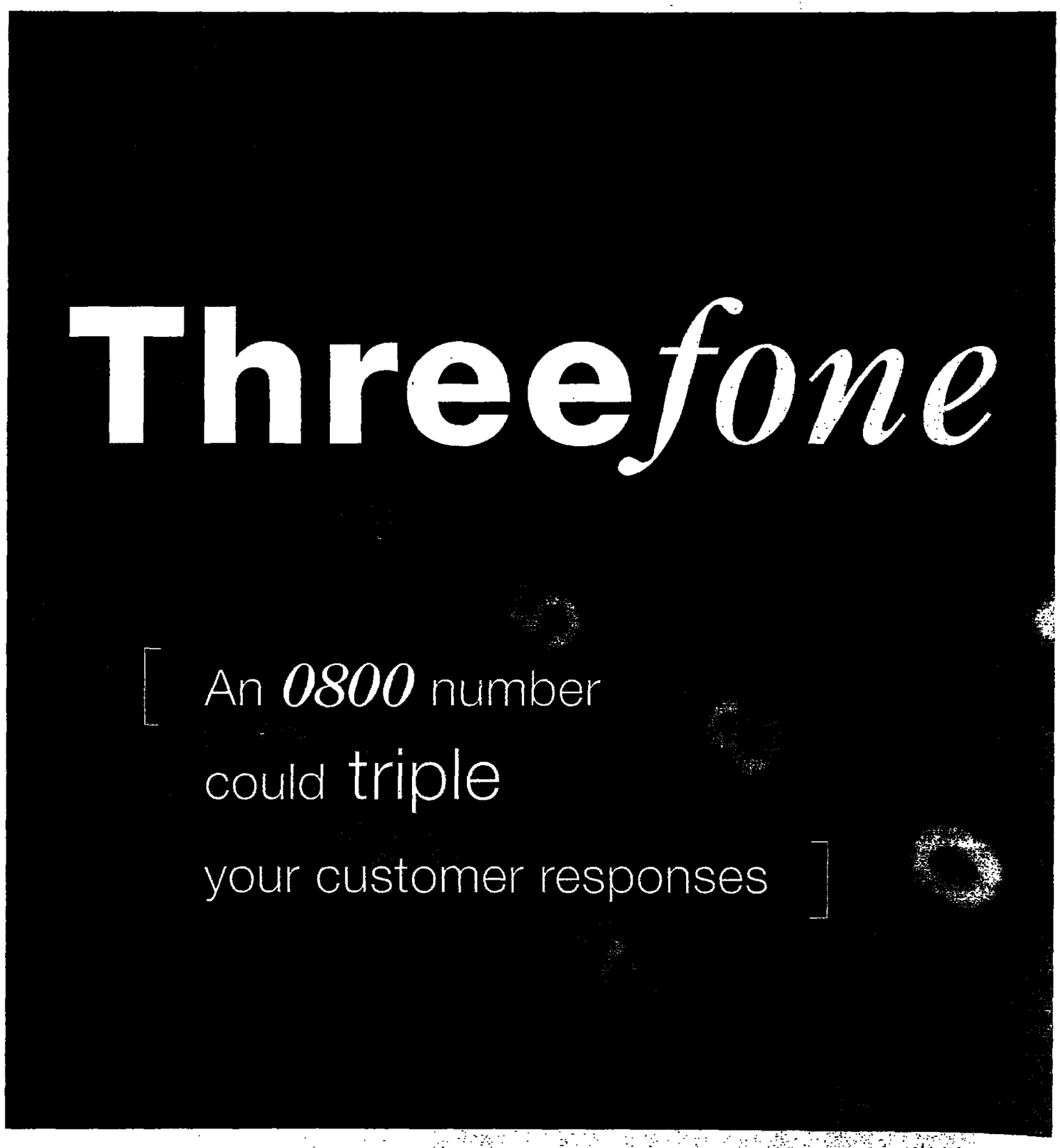
TWO journalists kitted themselves out in an array of the latest fashions by posing as television producers, a court was told yesterday. Gillian Hunter, 30, claimed she needed the £4,000 worth of gentlemen's jackets, ladies suits and footwear to make a pilot programme for the BBC's *Clothes Show* series.

Her 29-year-old boyfriend, Quilliam Potter, who was caught wearing some of the clothes, also tried a similar fraud on a number of leading computer manufacturers in a bid to obtain £20,000 worth of equipment, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Martyn Bowyer, for the prosecution, said the pair had sent a string of convincing letters and faxes to their victims, all but one of whom swallowed their lies. He told the court that Potter, a news correspondent for Westcountry Television, and Hunter, a freelance journalist for BBC Radio Bristol, were caught after a quick-witted public relations woman checked their story.

Police were alerted and arranged for a dummy computer delivery to be made to the couple's home in Exeter in August last year. When they came to the door, Potter was wearing a pair of Timberland boots and Hunter a ladies suit from another swindle. Mr Bowyer told the court that officers investigating the attempted computer fraud found top quality clothing in the couple's bedroom. Hunter had ordered the clothes from nine separate clothing chains, including Next, Dorothy Perkins and Wallis.

The pair, who admitted six charges of attempting to obtain goods by deception and nine counts of dishonestly obtaining goods, were released on bail pending sentencing at Southwark Crown Court on November 3.



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Rejected candidate shares a home with a former Editor of Labour Briefing

Liz Davies and the magazine link that blighted her career

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND JAMES LANDALE

LIZ DAVIES, rejected as a Labour parliamentary candidate partly because of her former role with the hard-left monthly *Labour Briefing*, shares a home with one of the intellectual driving forces behind the magazine.

Mike Marqusee has been responsible for some of the most hostile editorials about Neil Kinnock and Tony Blair in the £1 magazine, which has called for the replacement of the police and the armed forces with a "workers' militia". Mr Marqusee and Ms Davies were both on the board of the magazine when it accused Mr Blair of fulfilling their worst fears only two months after he was elected party leader.

Yesterday Ms Davies accused Mr Blair of a smear against her and rejected claims that she was in a "different bracket" from other left-wingers such as Dennis Skinner.

Mr Blair said in an interview with *The Guardian* yesterday that it was Ms Davies' connection with *Labour Briefing* that forced the NEC to reject her. He said that the magazine represented a faction running an agenda that was "personally abusive and vitriolic about senior members of the party".

Last night the editorial board issued a statement to counter Mr Blair's remarks. "Labour party members should be alarmed at the leader's ill-informed attack on Labour briefing," the board said. "His remark amounts to an attack on a free press and free speech in the Labour Party."

This morning delegates at Brighton will hold an emergency debate on the affair. Mr Blair's aides hope that it will defuse the dispute, which has overshadowed the start of the conference.

Mr Marqusee, an author and journalist, has not been forgiven by the Labour leadership for his devastating book on the 1992 general election: *Defeat from the Jaws of Victory*. Labour had lost, he argued, because voters no longer knew what the party stood for. It is a criticism that many left-wingers believe is even more relevant today.

The couple, who share a home in Islington, have wielded enormous editorial influence over the publication. In July 1991 he was the Editor while Liz Davies was the "co-chair". In November 1994 he was political correspondent and she was on the editorial board.

Mr Marqusee, the son of wealthy Connecticut parents, cut his political teeth in the anti-Vietnam protests. He came to Britain 25 years ago to study English literature at Sussex University. He supported the People's March for Jobs in the early 1980s, the miners' strike, Ted Knight over the rate-capping row in Lambeth, and the poll tax demonstrations that helped to topple Margaret Thatcher.

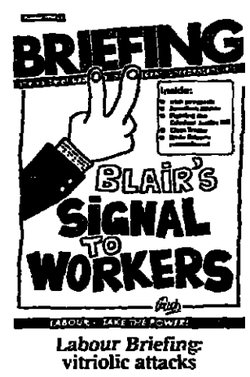
Labour Briefing, which was relaunched at this week's conference as *Labour Left Briefing*, is produced from a small house in Hackney, east London. The circulation has dipped to 2,000 from a high of 9,000. It was founded in 1980 and supported Ken Livingstone's rise to power at the Greater London Council. In its heyday it sold 9,000 copies and had sister titles in 15 cities.

One popular feature was the "class traitor of the month" and Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are among the mainstream Labour figures to have worn the crown. Ambitious Labour MPs had more to fear if they were not awarded the same distinction.

The magazine once boasted contributors such as the Labour MP Margaret Hodge, and Tom Sawyer, general secretary of the Labour Party, who are at the fore of Tony Blair's modernisation drive. They are both arch critics of Ms Davies.



Liz Davies and, below, part of a scathing attack on Tony Blair carried by the magazine in October last year



Labour Briefing: vitriolic attacks

The reactionary at Labour's helm

IN HIS two months as Labour leader, Tony Blair has fulfilled *Briefing*'s worst nightmares by ruthlessly ditching attacks on single parents, striking signal workers and the minimum wage (but re-instating Larry Whitty).

Labour MPs such as Jeremy Corbyn and Alan Simpson remain closely linked with it.

The magazine has been a regular source of embarrassment to Labour. It once famously declared: "The gut reaction of many Labour movement activists was a tinge of regret that the Brighton bomb failed." It described the Hillsborough football disaster as a "tragedy inflicted on us by our class enemies" who had resisted demands for safer facilities and who had erected fences to dehumanise the working class.

In 1986 it supported the resolution: "Our commitment is to the achivement of socialism which means finding ways of convincing millions of working-class and middle-class people to go beyond parliamentary politics and to mobilise in mass action to challenge, combat and break the repression and violence of the capitalist state machine."

Central Books, a distributor of left-wing publications that has dropped *Labour* Briefing, said: "It used to be wacky and even amusing. Now it's neo-Trotskyite rubbish."

Dewar suggests reform of state pensions

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DONALD DEWAR yesterday heralded an overhaul of the state pension system under a Labour government. The Shadow Social Security Secretary disclosed that the party was now examining plans for a minimum retirement pension backed by a state-funded investment pension scheme.

Under the first scheme, existing pensioners would be given a guaranteed minimum income above existing income support levels. At present, the state has to help poorer pensions by topping up a basic pension of £58.85 a week with means-tested income support. But Mr Dewar is studying a scheme to provide a minimum pension which would not be means-tested. The payment would be paid once income from occupational and private pensions had been considered.

Under the second, more controversial, scheme, those under retirement age would pay into an investment fund to provide for their own pensions at a later stage. This new system would involve the integration of tax and benefits for all pensioners.

Mr Dewar told a conference fringe meeting that no decisions had been taken but made clear that both schemes, which were recommended by the Social Justice Commission last year, were "runners".

He said that practical difficulties involved in the plans would have to be overcome before there could be any firm commitment. "I like the idea of taking 1.5 million pensioners who are on means-tested income support out of the system with its low take-up and stigma," said Mr Dewar. "I also like the idea intellectually of tax and benefit integration for those in retirement."

There were still questions to be answered about "the definition of income". He was also examining the disincentive to people building up their own private provision because they could rely on state aid.

"We are not going to start hares running till we know they are going to run for some purpose," he said.

Lottery profits review may prompt Branson to bid again



Branson: all for charity

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

RICHARD BRANSON seems certain to have another chance to run the National Lottery if Labour wins the next election, it emerged yesterday.

The party leadership is believed to be moving away from suggestions that it would put a top limit on the huge weekly jackpots, accepting that would be unpopular and hit lottery sales. Instead it is turning its attention to the big profits raked in by Camelot, which runs the lottery.

Tony Blair said yesterday that most people believed that Camelot's profits of £6 million in the first 28 weeks of the lottery were excessive. "No other country in Europe runs a private profit-making lottery. It is time for a fundamental review."

Labour cannot interfere with Camelot's present contract, which comes up for renewal in September 2001. But it is expected to make plain that in government it would expect non-profit-making bids to be made to run the lottery.

Mr Branson had hoped to run the lottery under the auspices of his non-profit-making UK Lottery Foundation and was outraged when Camelot won the licence. He had assembled some big names, including the computer giant IBM, Mars Confectionery, and the advertising agency J. Walter Thompson, but was unable to convince the National Lottery regulators that he had the technical clout to carry it off.

Mr Branson said his research had indicated that 67 per cent of adults would be more likely to play the lottery if they knew that all the money was going to charity.

Chris Smith, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said yesterday that the current contract begins to come to an end "we will want to look for a not-for-profit organisation to run it". Asked whether Labour favoured Mr Branson he replied: "Maybe Mr Branson may want to make a bid at that stage. Maybe Camelot will want to make another bid. But the principle will be that it is a not-for-profit organisation and not a mechanism for making substantial profits."

Mr Smith has been considering whether there should be a limit on jackpot prizes, particularly when they are rolled over. The Liberal Democrats voted in favour of capping at their annual conference. But research has suggested that capping would hit sales. Syndicates who buy large numbers of tickets each week with the aim of splitting the winnings would also oppose capping.

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, scorned Mr Blair's remarks. She said: "Tony Blair is making himself look silly. In less than a year we have the best and most efficient lottery in the world."

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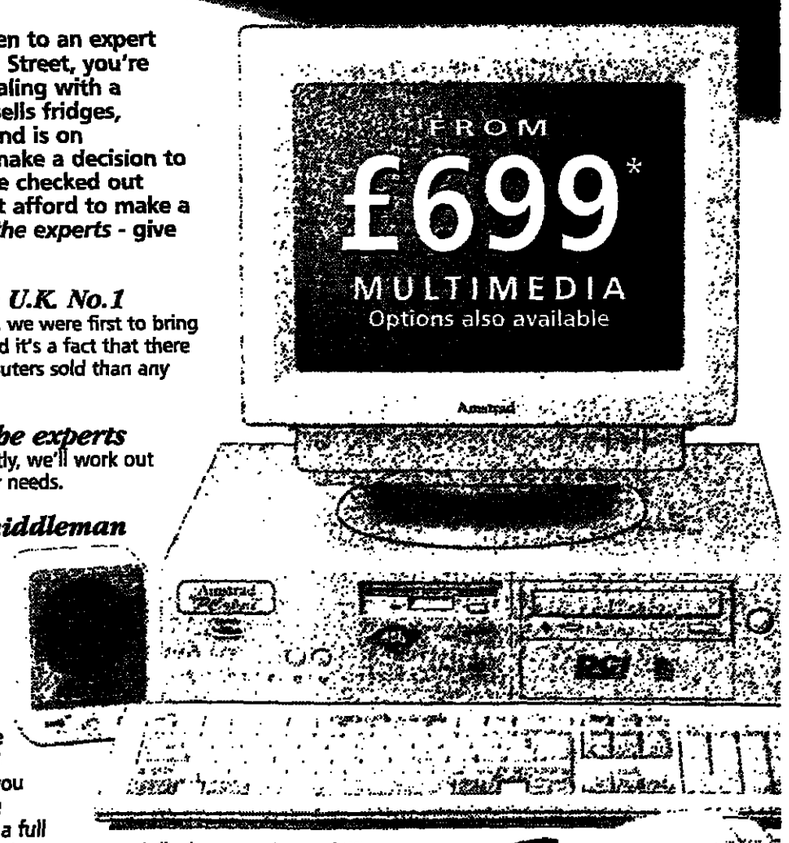
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Delegates told of Internet benefits

BY JAMES LANDALE

DELEGATES at the conference were told yesterday how "surfing" the information superhighway could benefit Britain.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, presented bewildered activists with a short video, showing pages of the Internet on a computer screen. One minute he was watching coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, the next he was looking at a speech by Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

The information revolution was as significant as the creation of the printing press, he said. Everyone in Britain should have access to computer points. There should be links in schools, libraries, health centres, hospitals and even high street shopping centres.

Mr Smith said pupils would be able to gain access to the national science museum or a doctor would get an instant second opinion from a colleague thousands of miles away. "Britain must begin its journey on the superhighway," he said. "Everyone must have the chance to join in the adventure. Labour will see that they can."

☐ The Internet address http://www.labour.org.uk can be used to gain access to the Labour conference.

Women's quota costs Straw his NEC place

BY JILL SHERMAN

JACK STRAW, the Shadow Home Secretary, was ousted last night from Labour's ruling body because of a quota for women.

Mr Straw, a close ally of Tony Blair and a key party moderniser, lost his place on the National Executive Committee as a result of a new requirement for three women representatives in the NEC's constituency section rather than two. Mr Blair will be relieved that Marjorie Mowlam, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and another ally of his, joined the NEC in Mr Straw's place.

Mr Straw polled more votes than both Diane Abbott, who was re-elected, and Dr Mowlam, but lost because of the new rule.

Although his vote rose 8,000 from last year, Mr Straw may have suffered over his recent call for greater efforts to rid the streets of "winos and squeegee merchants".

The political make-up of the constituency section is largely unchanged with two left-wing members, Dennis Skinner — whose vote went up — and Ms Abbott. The Left will be disappointed that Dawn Primarolo, a shadow Treasury minister, was not elected.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, again topped the constituency section, followed by Gordon Brown, and David Blunkett.

Mr Straw said he was sad to be leaving the NEC but hoped it would only be a short interlude. "I'm delighted that my vote went up by 8,000. I'm equally delighted that Mo has come on to the national executive," said Mr Straw, who was Mr Blair's campaign manager during last year's Labour leadership election. "She is one of my closest friends as well as colleagues in the Shadow Cabinet."

He emphasised that he supported the move to increase the number of women on the NEC. He pointed out that most of the votes would have been cast before he made his controversial speech on law and order.

Dr Mowlam, standing beside Mr Straw, said she was very pleased to have the chance to be a member of the NEC. "I'm sad that my mate Jack Straw came off. But I'm sure he will play a central role in campaigning in the party."



Jack Straw, left, is replaced by another moderniser, Marjorie Mowlam, on the party's national executive

☐ Constituency Section: Robin Cook (85,670); Gordon Brown (79,371); David Blunkett (75,984); Harriet Harman (69,092); Dennis Skinner (64,288); Marjorie Mowlam (53,578); Diane Abbott (45,653).
☐ Women's section: Margaret Beckett (18.73%); Joan Lestor (18.28%); Diana Jeuda (17.84%); Clare Short (17.15%); Brenda Etchells (14.68%).
☐ Trade union section — Dan Duffy, TGWU (3.7m); Diana Holland, TGWU (3.7m); Vernon Hince, RMT (3.7m); John Mitchell, GPMU (3.7m); Mary Turner, GMB (3.7m); Maggie Jones, Unison (3.6m); Margaret Wall, MSF (3.6m); Alan Johnson, CWU (3.6m); Bill Connor, Usdaw (3.6m); Nigel Harris, AEEU (3.6m); Richard Rosser, TSSA (3m); Christine Wilde, Unison (1.5m)
☐ Socialist Societies — John Evans (43,000).

Mitchell decries SDP mark II

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

TONY BLAIR has turned Labour into the SDP and reduced its conference to a boring rally where delegates do little more than smile for the cameras, the maverick Labour MP Austin Mitchell said yesterday.

Had it been possible to foresee the future, said Mr Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby, "we'd all have deserted en masse to the SDP in 1981". His gibes at Mr Blair's leadership came in an article in the parliamentary *House Magazine*, which was available to delegates as the Labour Party conference got under way in Brighton.

He wrote: "I can't believe how wonderful life has been since I voted for Tony Blair. Sit there, smile, keep our mouths shut and we move ever further ahead. Once conference was bloody but exciting, a great, matey outward-bound course by the sea. It's still bloody, but now boring.

"One or two union teeth will be extracted but conference has been effectively neutered. The policy flows downwards not up and the party has no role except to ratify, rally and smile for the media."

Labour was now really the SDP. It had the same appeal to the middle classes and was "all things to all men and more of them to women".

Mr Mitchell also echoed Roy Hattersley's complaints over Labour's tax policies, saying that when you aimed at making life more comfortable for Middle England, redistribution was out.

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Skilful performance marks a return to authoritative form

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Gordon Brown has suffered during his three years as Shadow Chancellor from the need to appear financially respectable. His desire to shed Labour's "tax and spend" image may have reassured the City, but it has not enthused Labour activists. He has seemed too safety-first, too negative. They have wondered what the difference would be between a Clarke and a Brown chancellorship.

Yesterday, he sought to escape from that trap: to be both fiscally responsible and to show where a Labour government could make a real difference. Many questions have been left open about how these aims can be reconciled over the long term. But it was a skilful performance, without last year's evasions. His stability plan addressed the moral and political, as well as the economic case, for fighting inflation. His message was blunt: "We will not build the new Jerusalem on a mountain of debt." He warned that, under a Labour government, there would be "no blank cheques, no short cuts and no pay explosions" and "no billions poured down the black hole of unemployment and no shopping lists of irresponsible commitments".

His other main point was to suggest where immediate action could be taken to break the logjam of passivity over youth unemployment. More important than the details of the plan — financed by part of the proceeds from a one-off tax on privatised utilities — was the impression he sought to convey that *something* can be done. The Tory response that governments cannot create jobs, only businesses can, was fatuous. Adair Turner, the new director-general of the CBI, who disagrees with the utilities tax, commented yesterday that youth unemployment "will not be solved by the natural forces of economic recovery alone". There is, he said, a role for government to play.

The present Government already accepts the case for tax rebates and for encouraging employers to take on people and for reducing the disincentives on the unemployed themselves. Mr Brown's proposals are in the same direction. He emphasised that, along with these new opportunities, "we will expect every young person to accept their responsibility to train or learn". There are several loose ends. Such subsidies always have risks: in the displacement of other, older workers and in not providing permanent employment. Mr Brown was being over-ambitious in claiming that his plan "is nothing less than to abolish youth unemployment". His proposals are best seen as an emergency package rather than as a lasting answer.

Moreover, the plan is by definition limited since the cost — £1 billion in the first year — is to be financed by the windfall levy on the utilities. The Tories were yesterday joined by left-wing MPs such as Alan Simpson in arguing that such a one-off tax does not answer Labour's tax and spending dilemma. Mr Brown accepts that overall public borrowing constraints are tight. His proposals are intended to jump-start the process of reducing youth and long-term unemployment, so that the savings from a sustained cut in spending on unemployment can, in time, be used to finance improved public services. Mr Brown has sought to sidestep the debate over the likely cuts in income tax in the November Budget by proposing a reduction in VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to the 5 per cent minimum allowed under European rules. This is a neat tactic intended to highlight the party divide on tax, though it will still leave Labour with awkward choices over income tax cuts.

Mr Brown is a mercurial figure: at his best, as yesterday, a formidable politician. Yet he can also be a prickly and wary colleague. He has had an uneasy 18 months: criticised for his caution and "soundbite" reactions, and taking time to come to terms with the eclipse of his leadership ambitions last year. But he has achieved notable successes — in the Government's defeat over VAT last December and in the campaign against the rewards for executives of privatised utilities. He is now back on his most authoritative form. He will be crucial to the success of any Labour government.

PETER RIDDELL

Brown's austerity balanced by pledge of jobs for young

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JAMES LANDALE



THE Shadow Chancellor yesterday ruled out a "pay explosion" under a Labour government and reassured the City with a promise of tight curbs on spending and inflation.

"We will not build a new Jerusalem on a mountain of debt," Gordon Brown declared in his speech to the Labour conference in Brighton, damping union hopes of instant wage rises. But Mr Brown balanced his austere fiscal stance with an audacious pledge to end youth unemployment.

He confirmed that the proceeds of a £1 billion windfall tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities would be used to find work for 600,000 people aged 18-24. Long-term unemployed among the 25-plus age group would be helped by a separate £100 million package.

Mr Brown stepped up his campaign to bury Labour's reputation as the high-tax party by demanding a cut in VAT on domestic fuel. To try to shore up Labour's position in the face of a tax-cutting Budget next month, he challenged Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to reduce VAT on gas and electricity bills from 8 per cent to 5 per cent, at a cost of £480 million.

Despite genuflecting to the traditional Labour goal of full employment and condemning the "greed and inefficiency" of the Conservatives, Mr Brown was given a lukewarm reception by delegates hoping for a more expansionist message. But there was strong backing from union chiefs and activists for his emphasis on helping the jobless.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said: "Full employment should be the first commitment in our manifesto — page one, line one, the centrepiece of our economic policy."

Joan Ryan, prospective parliamentary candidate for Enfield North, said that creating jobs had to be a first priority of a Labour government.

In a remark that could have come from a Tory Chancellor, Mr Brown said Labour did not abhor inflation for fear of upsetting the markets. Inflation was bad because those on fixed incomes suffered most at its hands. "No one should doubt that the war against inflation is a Labour war," he said. "I want our Labour government remembered not as a big spender but a wise spender.

"There will be no stop-go, no inflationary booms, no massaging the figures, no quick fixes, no blank cheques, no short cuts and no pay explosions. Just as there will be no grotesque experiments like the poll tax, no car-boot sales of national treasures, no billions poured down the black hole of unemployment and no shopping lists of irresponsible commitments."

Instead, Mr Brown promised long-term investment, social justice, action to tackle unemployment and "an economic policy run in the interests not of a privileged few but of the whole community".

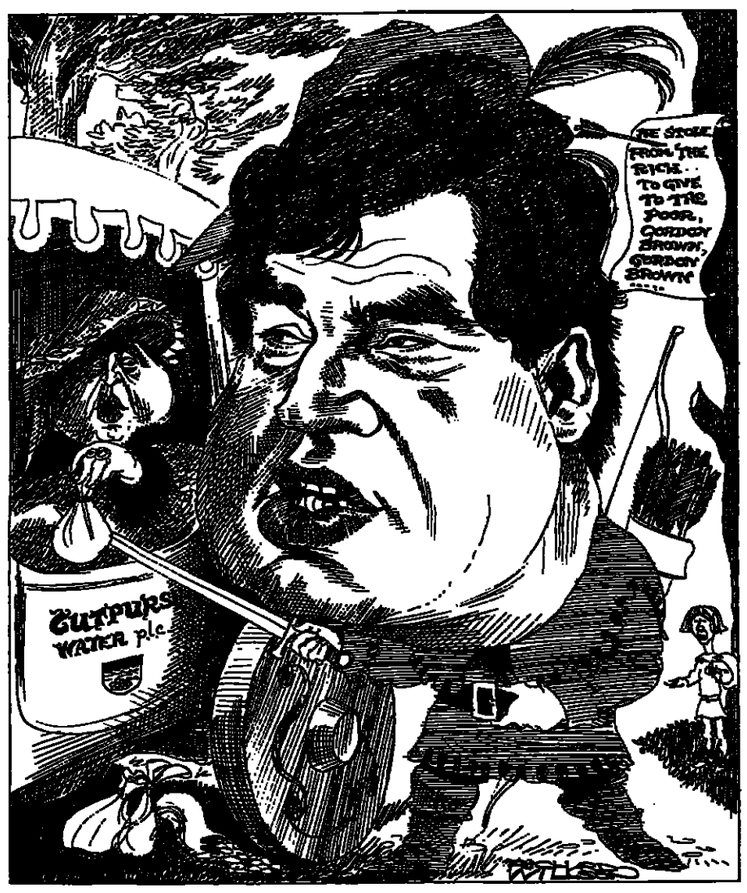
The unemployed — more than two million families without work — were a millstone hung around the country's neck by the Tories, costing billions and blocking the path to economic growth and a fair society. "Thatcher's children" had become a betrayed generation of rootless and jobless young people, forgotten by John Major.

"These young people don't want opportunities to beg. They do need opportunities to work," he said. "It is time to right the wrongs of the last 16 years — time for a fresh start for a forgotten and betrayed generation. No young person should spend years without a job and under Labour no young person will. Our plan is nothing less than to abolish youth unemployment."

As disclosed yesterday, the £2.5 billion that Labour plans to raise from a one-off windfall tax would be spent on tax rebates for employers who took on under-25s who had been out of work for six months. Mr Brown would spend £1 billion in the first year, reducing to £400 million in the second year of a programme to be phased over the five years of a Parliament.

☐ Delegates at the conference rejected a resolution calling for the renationalisation of the privatised utilities.

They backed the leadership after Jack Cunningham, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, promised tighter regulation of former state-owned firms, with automatic rebates to customers and price cuts when profits were excessive.



Activists reject rigid minimum wage formula

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR yesterday took a major step towards further modernisation of the party when its conference agreed a new way of setting a national minimum wage.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who will address the conference today, was said last night to regard the conference's decisive rejection of a rigid pay formula for setting a national minimum as being of the "utmost significance".

Party leaders were delighted at securing what only a few weeks ago seemed unobtainable. They wanted a new low-pay commission to recommend a national minimum to a Labour government, the abolition of the policy of setting it by an earnings-linked formula and no specific figure set in advance of the general election. Last night they had secured all three.

They were particularly ebulliant that the move backed by leftwingers and some trade unions to press for a specific hourly level of £4.15 was withdrawn before it was put to a conference vote, giving Mr Blair and the leadership a cleen sweep on the issue.

Much credit was given to Harriet Harman, Labour's employment spokeswoman, who has insisted that the means of setting a minimum wage could be modernised without Labour abandoning the principle of a minimum or seeing an outburst of bitter infighting. After the conference debate she said: "This is a transforming decision, a huge signal. It shows we have moved from the vested interests of one side of industry to partnership."

Instead of a formula fixing the national minimum by linking it to half of male median earnings, if Labour won the election employers and unions would come together on the commission to recommend a minimum. Before then, Labour would set up a committee — to which employers would give evidence — to prepare the ground for the introduction of a national minimum by a Labour government. This committee would draw up a detailed Bill that could be put to Parliament straight away.

Ms Harman told the conference: "The low-pay commission is about taking the national minimum wage beyond a campaigning issue for Labour in opposition and making it a practical policy for Labour in government."

The Labour leadership secured its clean sweep when the Edinburgh constituency party agreed to remit its resolution calling for a £4.15 minimum. The move was a relief to union leaders, who had been split over whether to support the motion, which contained a technical error. Leftwingers admitted having made a mistake that had improved the leadership's prospects of success.

Hattersley criticises education policy

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

ROY HATTERSLEY warned the Labour leadership last night of a bumpy ride tomorrow over its plans for a modified form of grant-maintained schools.

The party's former deputy leader said that plans to create "foundation schools" — self-governing schools with two local authority governors — and "community schools" struck at the heart of the comprehensive principle and that mainstream Labour members had been offended by the policy document drawn up by David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary. A resolution from Harborough Constituency Labour Party urges delegates to reject the proposals.

"Different sorts of schools means a hierarchy of schools. The idea of different but equal is a sentimental myth," Mr Hattersley told a Socialist Educational Association fringe meeting at the Brighton conference. Mr Hattersley said Mr Blunkett should make concessions: the fate of a grammar school should be decided by all local parents, not just those of the pupils; the party should oppose "social selection" — schools interviewing prospective pupils and parents; and the promise of "equitable funding" should be replaced by a pledge of extra money for schools in deprived areas.

Rulebook changes attacked by Left

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership was accused yesterday of trying to "railroad through" new rules to give itself more powers at the expense of party members.

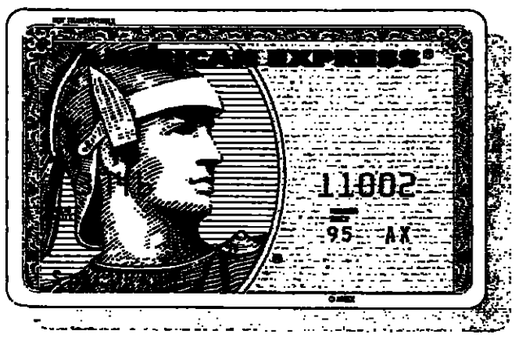
A new rulebook, to be put to the conference today, gives the party's general secretary the right to turn down membership applications or expel established members. It also gives the party's national executive extra powers to hold special conferences, similar to the Clause Four conference in April, to change policy.

Labour leftwingers immediately accused Tony Blair of trying to gain complete control of the party. A leaflet from the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy said: "He seems determined to exploit the present pre-election atmosphere to get through conference rule changes which will make the parliamentary party accountable only to itself." The campaign emphasised a proposal to give the general secretary the power to reject membership applications "for any reason which he sees fit".

The group also claimed that a proposal to hold compulsory ballots of individual members would enable the NEC to push through changes without involving the unions, or submitting changes to the conference.

Party sources said that the new rulebook was merely "a consolidation exercise". They argued that the powers given to the general secretary to reject members would merely speed up the present process, which often involved lengthy committee proceedings.

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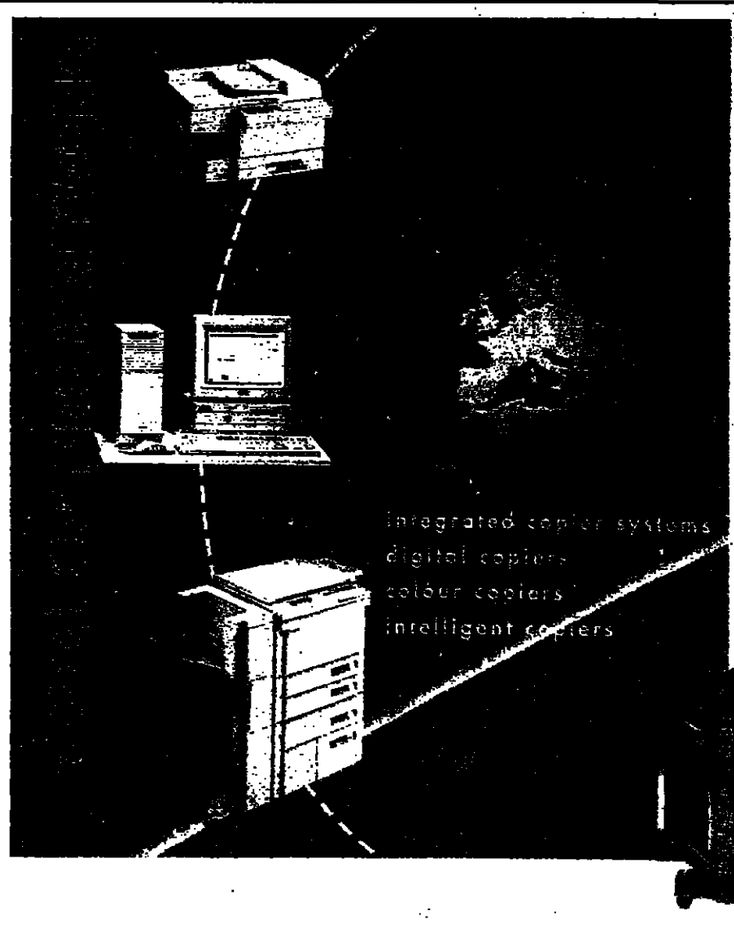
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Briton accused of dismembering victim in Singapore hotel using butchery skills he learned in jail

Prisoner on the run 'chopped up tourist'

BY ANDREW DRUMMOND



John Scripps, left, is accused of killing Gerard Lowe, and is suspected of killing Sheila and Darin Damude

A MACABRE murder trial in which a British man is accused of chopping up a tourist using butchery skills he learned in prison opened in Singapore yesterday.

John Scripps, 35, who is suspected of being an international serial killer, faces a mandatory death sentence if convicted. He denies the murder of Gerard Lowe, a South African whose remains — minus head — were found in several black plastic sacks floating in Singapore harbour.

Using a giant television screen, Chao Tzee Cheng, a pathologist, showed the court Lowe's dismembered body and said it had been skilfully cut up after death by someone with knowledge of anatomy or by someone who had done a similar thing before. He said: "The person who dismembered this body is knowledgeable, clearly a skilful person ... either a doctor, a surgeon, a veterinary surgeon or a butcher. I told police immediately that we could be dealing with a serial killer."

Scripps, who absconded during weekend leave from The Mount Prison in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, while serving a sentence for heroin trafficking, is also accused of being behind the disappearance of Timothy McDowall, 28, from south London, while in Mexico in February. He is wanted in Thailand for the alleged murder of a Canadian woman Sheila Damude, and her son Darin, whose dismembered bodies were found in undergrowth on the island of Phuket.

Mrs Damude was formerly secretary to the British Columbian State Finance Minister Hugh Curtis. Darin, 23, was a student. When Scripps was arrested at Changi airport in Singapore he was carrying the Damudes' passports, driving licences and credit cards.

Scripps, clean-shaven and handcuffed, sat in a steel and glass cage in the courtroom as Jennifer Marie, for the prosecution, outlined the case. He was flanked by two policemen inside the cage and four commandos stood guard outside the courtroom.

Miss Marie said that a prison officer would testify that Scripps had undertaken and quickly mastered butchery during a prison course in Britain. The expert way in which Mr Lowe's body had been dismembered would prove Scripps's guilt, she said.

Mr Lowe, a chemical engineer working for South African Breweries in Johannesburg, had gone on a three-day shopping trip to Singapore. He was befriended by Scripps and they checked into room 1511 of the River View Hotel. Police believe Mr Lowe agreed to share a room to save money because Singapore hotels are so expensive. Mr Lowe was then murdered by a blow to the head and dismembered in the room between March 8 and March 9.

She said that after the murder Scripps used Mr Lowe's credit card and forged his signature to go on a spending spree. When he was arrested he was carrying Mr Lowe's passport, in which he had substituted his own photograph. Dr John Barber, a forensic scientist, said that blood found in Scripps's hotel room was the same as that of the corpse, the head of which has never been found.

Mr Lowe's murder came to light when his torso, thighs severed at the hips, and legs chopped at the knees were found in bags in Singapore harbour on March 13 and March 16. When Scripps was arrested two stainless steel knives with serrated blades and a 3lb hammer were found in his bags.

Scripps is also being investigated in connection with unsolved murders in Mexico and San Francisco. One inquiry links him to the disappearance of Timothy McDowall, 28, a Cambridge graduate, and another Briton in Mexico.

During a break in the proceedings, Scripps's mother and sister were involved in an altercation outside the court with press photographers and television cameramen. They pulled at a camera cable and swung their umbrellas to keep journalists away.

Scripps lived in Wapping, east London, but his family came from from Sandown on the Isle of Wight. He was serving a 13-year prison sentence when he escaped during weekend home leave in October 1994. His mother has claimed that she begged the prison authorities not to grant her son leave. She said: "Two days before he was due to get leave he sold all his belongings to fellow prisoners. I warned the prison governor. I did not want John to run away. But he did."

The trial continues.



Scripps's sister, left, and his mother trying to fend off camera crews outside the court house yesterday

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Doctors 'are using outdated treatment'

BY CATHERINE MILTON

MANY doctors are not keeping up with medical advances and treat patients with outdated and unnecessary techniques, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Dorrell told a conference of medical scientists that an estimated 20 per cent of patients who could benefit from anti-clotting heart drugs were not receiving them. Some young women had unnecessary gynaecological procedures while children were sometimes subjected to surgery of doubtful value for ear, nose, and throat problems.

Mr Dorrell also drew attention to effective medical treatments for peptic ulcers which, he suggested, had made some surgical procedures for the condition obsolete. "It is essential that the introduction of new developments is accompanied by the phasing out of those methods that have been superceded," he said at the *Scientific Basis of Health Services* in London.

He added that developments in modern medicine presented doctors with a vast amount of information which was impossible for the generalist to assimilate. Health services must invest in research and development if patients were to benefit.

"It is no longer sufficient to rely on clinicians reading articles in the learned journals. They need ready access to research results — an effectiveness index on tap, if you like."

A spokeswoman for the Association of Community Health Councils welcomed the speech, but said patients should be consulted from the outset, and that doctors needed training when new techniques were introduced. Linda Lamont, director of the Patients' Association, said: "Patients should, and will, be asking more questions when they are offered treatments."

MP wins payout over Arab funds libel

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE Conservative MP Bill Cash won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he became implicated in an Arab conspiracy to bring down the Government.

Mr Cash, a leading Eurosceptic, had sued the *Daily Mirror* over an article in May 1993 that made allegations about the sources of funding for the Maastricht Referendum Campaign, which he had set up to press for a referendum on the treaty, his counsel, Charles Gray, QC, said. He told Mrs Justice Smith the campaign was financed almost exclusively from public donations. One large donation came from a retired British industrialist who wished to be anonymous.

The article claimed that Mr Cash had dealings with Kuwaiti businessmen linked with the Iraqi and Libyan regimes who wanted to destabilise the Government. Mr Cash, MP for Stafford, took strong exception to the article, Mr Gray said. The allegation was "absolutely untrue". The publishers, MGN Ltd, and the journalist Peter Hounam now accepted without reservation that no such dealings took place and that no such money had changed hands.

They accepted that "Mr Cash acted honestly and in accordance with his political convictions, that he behaved in a proper and constitutional manner, and that he lent himself to no scheme designed to destabilise the Government".

They agreed to pay undisclosed damages, and costs. Their counsel, Desmond Browne, QC, said it was not their intention to suggest Mr Cash had received money from Kuwaiti sources and they accepted that he had not received money from Kuwaiti sources. They regretted the injury caused and apologised.

Trees will sprout over city graves

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TREES will replace stone headstones in a planned "green cemetery" in Edinburgh, which was given the go-ahead yesterday.

A silver birch will be planted on each grave, which will also be sown with bluebells and wild flowers. The city council hopes that simple biodegradable coffins or shrouds will be used instead of wooden ones.

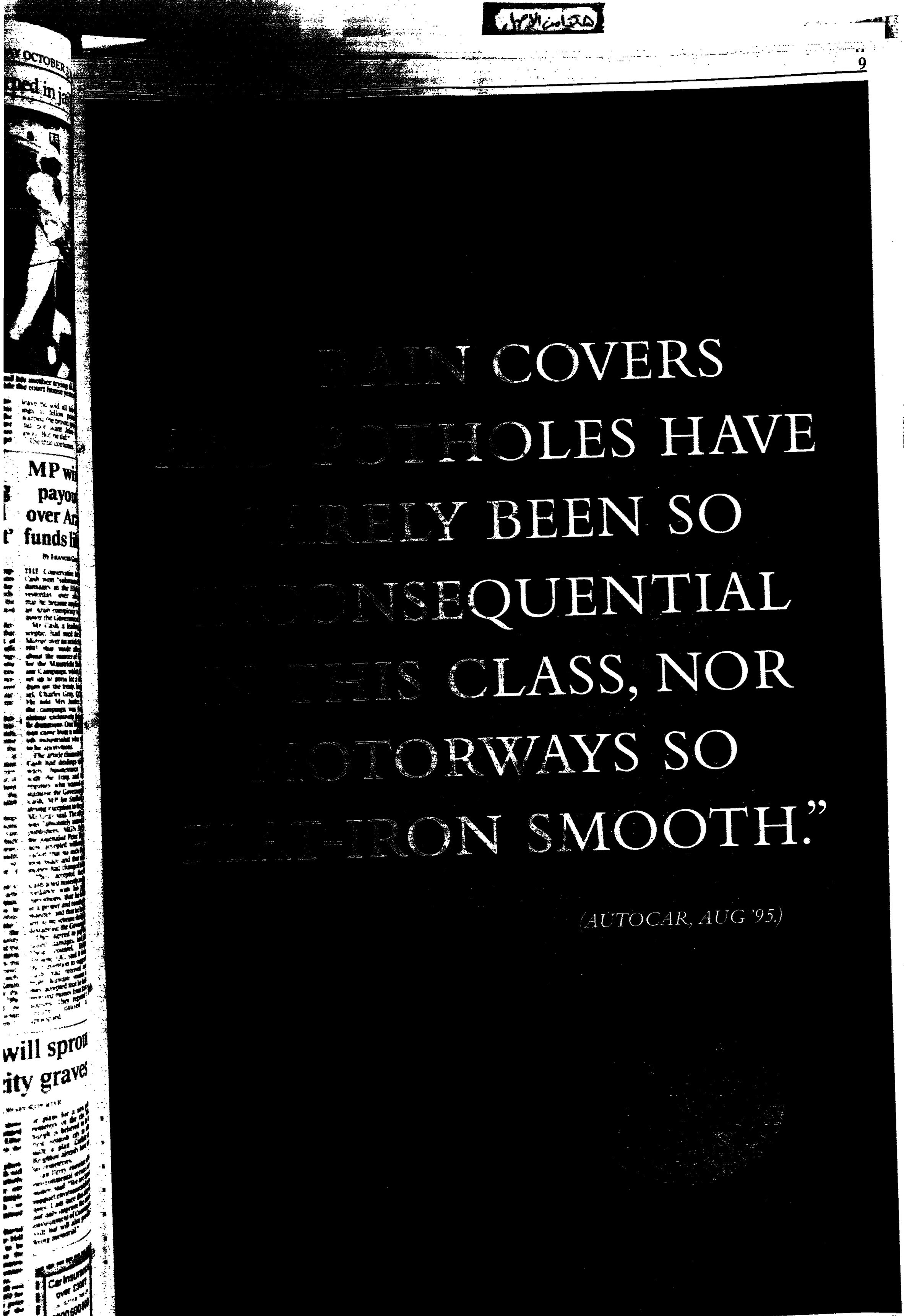
The woodland burial ground at Corstorphine Hill Cemetery is expected to be ready next month after the district council's environmental services committee unanimously backed the plans.

A woodland burial will cost £448, compared with £413 for a standard burial. The price includes about £40 for the silver birch. The 500 plots will be recorded on plans and individually numbered so that they can be found as the trees grow.

A further woodland burial section is to be incorporated in plans for a new public cemetery in the city. Edinburgh is believed to be the first Scottish city to adopt such a plan. Carlisle and Brighton already have similar cemeteries.

Ian Perry, convener of the environmental services committee, said: "We are keen to support environmental initiatives. I am sure this site will not only improve the natural environment of Corstorphine Hill but will also provide a living memorial."

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Warnings provided by tremors cut quake toll in Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

CIVIL defence workers in Dinar in western Turkey struggled yesterday to make use of daylight to shift rubble from a town virtually destroyed by an earthquake which killed at least 57 people and injured 200.

Halil Cuthaoglu, the Minister of Housing and Public Works, was quoted by the Anatolian news agency as saying the authorities expected that about 100 people had died. The agency said 4,000 houses had been destroyed and 1,000 damaged. The death toll might have been higher if for the past week the town had not been shaken by some 20 smaller tremors. Many townspeople had fled their homes and either left the area or gone to live in tents.

Faherettin Eryavuz, a worker in the municipal coach station, described how a five-storey block of flats collapsed in a single moment. "The neighbourhood was plunged into darkness and all you could hear was cries for help".

The earthquake struck on Sunday evening and was followed by torrential rains. With power lines down, rescuers using torches and car headlights combed ruined buildings for survivors. Relatives from the nearby city of Isparta arrived to join in the search.

By daybreak 193 people had been pulled out alive. One of the first visitors to the city yesterday was President Demirel, who comes from the region. The Government declared the city and nearby villages a disaster area and the Turkish Red Crescent were trying to bring in tents.

As the hunt for survivors continued, many people sought shelter in their cars or empty carriages at the railway station. Huge crowds formed around bread lorries and people returned to their ruined homes to salvage what they could. Most estimates suggest that at least half the buildings of Dinar were destroyed and many of the others are no longer habitable.

Dinar lies near the Menderes Valley and the great inland lakes of Ergidir and Burdur, which are notorious for a high degree of seismic activity. In 1925, more than 2,000 houses in the town were destroyed by an earthquake. Sunday's earthquake nearly coincided with the anniversary of the Burdur earthquake quake of October 3, 1914, in which 4,000 people died.

Turkish authorities have been criticised for doing little to enforce building regulations in areas at risk from earthquakes. The northern city of Erzincan was levelled in March 1992 and many of the casualties were caused because public buildings were constructed with no regard for earthquake safety.

This appears to have been the case in Dinar. The post office and police station collapsed, as did the police lodgings in neighbouring Evciler. Dinar hospital was damaged and patients were being treated in the hospital's garden or taken to nearby cities.



Demirel: went to see damage for himself

French bribed to hunt Eta men

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

FRENCH police were bribed by the Spanish Interior Ministry to help to track down Basque guerrilla suspects in France so that they could be killed by Spanish death squads, documents published yesterday by a Spanish newspaper suggested.

The detailed revelations in *El Mundo* are the latest in a series of scoops, fuelled by a limitless supply of classified information and papers supplied, it seems, by those disaffected with the Socialist Government. Their aim is to prove that the Socialists, including Felipe González, the Prime Minister, illegally organised death squads that killed 27 Eta suspects in southwest France between 1983 and 1987.

El Mundo yesterday printed two pages of a report on the headed notepaper of the French Interior Ministry's Direction Générale de la Police Nationale. According to the newspaper, the report refers to the activities of a French intelligence cell, Coquille, giving details of the latest sightings of Eta suspects and suggested escape routes for death squads sent to eliminate them.

A loose translation of the text is headed: "Information about French police controls with the object of finding an escape route after any Gal attack." The location of French police controls in four sectors of southern France is listed on the letterhead reproduced in the paper. Gal is the acronym for the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups, which claimed responsibility for the killings in France. A picture of how Gal operated has been built up as a result of the confessions of former police officers and Spanish Interior Ministry officials now charged with forming the group.

All collaborators were paid from a secret fund at the Spanish Interior Ministry. Among the alleged recipients were police commissioner Joël Cathala, who was responsible for French anti-terrorist operations in the 1980s, Guy Metge, a former member of the frontier police in southern France, and Pierre Hassen, another French policeman who belonged to Coquille.



Antonio Guterres, the leader of the Portguese Socialist Party, at an election victory rally in Lisbon early yesterday

Triumphant Portuguese Socialists to push for greater EU integration

BY EDWARD OWEN

THE Portuguese Socialist leader, Antonio Guterres, who led his party to election victory in Portugal on Sunday after a decade of rule by the centre-right Social Democrats, predicted that his Government would be stable even though it failed to win an absolute majority.

Fernando Nogueira, the former Defence Minister who had succeeded Anibal Cavaco Silva, the outgoing Prime Miniseter, as leader of the Social Democrats (PSD), promised "a constructive and responsible opposition" and hinted that his party would collaborate with the Socialists on some matters. Both parties are firmly committed to the European Union and to European monetary unity.

The final election results will not be known until October 11 when the vote for four seats from Portuguese living abroad will be counted and after the ballot has been repeated in four constituencies in the north where the electorate boycotted the poll because of poor local services. So far the Socialists have won 43.5 per cent of the vote, their highest ever share, with 111 seats in the 230-seat assembly, and the Social Democrats had 34 per cent with 85 deputies.

"We are very close to an absolute majority. I don't see how they can join together to bring down the Government," Senhor Guterres said, referring to the two other main parliamentary parties, which are both fiercely opposed to the EU. The right-wing Popular Party trebled its vote to 9 per cent with 15 seats, the same number won by the coalition of Marxist Communists and ecologists (*CDU*), two less than four years ago.

Senhor Guterres, a 46-year-old engineer, said that he would be open to dialogue and co-operation with the opposition. Thousands of party faithful, waving red and green flags, cheered Senhor Guterres's victory speech in Lisbon as he promised: "Change does not mean destroy. Everything that we inherit that was positive will be continued."

He added: "My Government will ensure that Portugal can meet the criteria for the single currency, so giving businessmen and the financial markets every reason for confidence."

The Socialist leader said that he could count on the Social Democrats for his policy on Europe. He wants closer integration with the EU, more spending on education, a crackdown on drugs and crime. He has promised not to raise taxes. "The Portuguese wanted change after ten years of PSD rule and there is a fresh climate in Lisbon today," José Almeido, the Socialists' international affairs spokesman, said. "We are committed to modernising Portugal: it is one of the most backward countries in Europe. We have always been clearly pro-European and we started the negotiations for Portugal to join the EU," Senhor Almeido said.

The key question now remaining in Portugal is whether Senhor Cavaco Silva, who refused to stand again, will announce his candidature for the presidential elections in January 1996. The 15 per cent drop in the Social Democrat vote may indicate that the Portuguese consider that the outgoing Prime Minister's policies have been lacking in fresh ideas recently. Senhor Cavaco Silva's likely opponent in the battle to succeed the Socialist President Soares, is Jorge Sampaio, who is gaining in stature as Mayor of Lisbon.

Unused British troops may come home

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRITAIN is hoping to withdraw the 4,000-man 24 Airmobile Brigade from the United Nations peacekeeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina because it has nothing to do. The brigade, part of the Rapid Reaction Force in Bosnia, was sent two months ago.

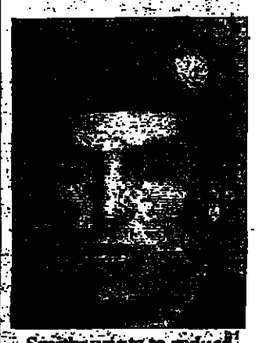
The 4,000 troops from the 1st Battalion Royal Anglians, 3 Regiment Army Air Corps and other support units have not been needed. Wrangles with the Croatian and Bosnian governments have also prevented the force from being immediately available to Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, UN commander in Sarajevo.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, is studying a report from General Smith and Lieutenant-General Bernard Janvier, overall UN commander in the former Yugoslavia, which recommends redistributing and reducing UN forces in Bosnia.

By contrast, the other half of the Rapid Reaction Force — an Anglo/French/Dutch brigade most of which is on Mount Igman, overlooking Sarajevo — has been heavily engaged in operations.

The multinational brigade's British 105mm light guns and French 155mm heavy guns were used to strike at Serb artillery and mortars in conjunction with Nato's air campaign.

Although no decision has yet been announced from New York, the Ministry of Defence in London is keen to pull out



Smith: wants to reduce UN troops in Bosnia

24 Airmobile Brigade. One defence source said: "The UN now has too many troops in Bosnia and the brigade has no role to play."

The brigade, based at a makeshift camp in Ploce in Croatia, was deployed to Bosnia with 39 helicopters: 18 Lynxes, nine Gazelles, six Chinooks and six Pumas. It is not clear whether the helicopters will be left there if the troops are pulled out.

Meanwhile, Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, said yesterday that Russia had pledged to restore gas supplies to Sarajevo.

☐ US talks: The American envoy to the former Yugoslavia, Richard Holbrooke, emerged from talks with the Bosnian Government yesterday to say he had not achieved progress on any of his goals.

After making initial breakthroughs, including agreements from both sides that Bosnia would be shared 51-49 by a Muslim-Croat federation and a Bosnian Serb entity and agreement on a basic constitutional framework for the state, the peace initiative appears to be hitting a wall.

Mr Holbrooke has been trying to secure a commitment from the Bosnian Government for an overall ceasefire. Its conditions would include the restoration of utilities and the opening of roads to Sarajevo, access to the isolated government enclave of Gorazde and the demilitarisation of the Bosnian-Serb stronghold of Banja Luka.

The Bosnian Serbs agreed to the restoration of utilities and the opening of roads to the beleaguered capital in the middle of last month, although neither has been realised. They have refused the other two demands.

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Flames begin to die in economic boiler room

FROM ROGER BOYES IN DORTMUND

DORTMUND, most locals agree, has all the glitz and glamour of Sverdlovsk on a wet Sunday afternoon. The mood in pubs, the labour exchanges and billiard saloons matches the image of this Ruhr city; here, more than anywhere else in Germany, there is an awareness of the huge costs of unification.

Bernd Kowalski is a grizzled 56-year-old former foundry worker. The Hoesch foundry put him out to grass: early retirement has given him hours of free time, a decent "wage" and a permanent headache. "Since I stopped working, I've been in and out of the doctor's. My body is built for work and without it I'm cracking up."

Herr Kowalski is sipping Dortmund beer that is no longer brewed in the city. Not much of anything is produced in a place that was once the boiler-room of Germany's economic miracle. The foundries are going out, and there is not an active pithead to be seen.

They know all about this in the Old Jug pub and, perhaps irrationally, they blame unification with the East for the increasingly frayed edges of Germany's once famous social welfare system. "What's the difference between an Ossi and a terrorist?" asks Herr Kowalski's drinking companion, another washed-up, middle-aged steel worker. "The terrorist has sympathisers," he answers.

There is a strong feeling that money that should have been used to revitalise a dying region in the West have been channeled eastwards. The country as a whole is having to dig deep into its pockets — an extra "solidarity" tax for the East is regarded as a burden by many Germans — and plans to cut back social spending are prompted by the



bloated unity budget. Herr Kowalski and the others in the pub are directly affected. The steel companies have been getting rid of workers as soon as they reach the age of 55.

The worker reports to the labour exchange, signs on and for the next 32 months he is paid dole plus a sum from the steel companies to bring him up to 90 per cent of his original salary. After this period, the exchange carries out a means test — assessing the worker's property and savings — and reduces the dole payment accordingly. The steel companies then raise their share to cover the gap. This is known as the "social plan". At the age of 60, the worker qualifies for his normal pension. But this cushioned era is slipping away; the Government, to save money, wants to begin means-testing much earlier.

"A catastrophe is looming. They want to squash our social plan," Werner Nass, union negotiator at the Krupp-Hoesch steel plant, says.

Ruhr officials try to talk up the region, once the cradle of the German arms industry. There are plans to build a huge tunnel under Dortmund and the Ruhr to clear the air and create jobs. Gasometers are being turned into museums. Coal bunkers have been flooded and opened for scuba divers. Warner Brothers is planning a "film park" with studios and a funfair, close to a disused colliery.

But it will take more than Bugs Bunny to save this part of Germany where miners are earning and working less. There are still some signs of their traditional culture — the pigeon coops in the neat back gardens — but they are a dying breed.

The contrast with eastern Germany could not be more vivid. While the East is looking forward to a future in the European Union, this western corner of the old Germany is looking perpetually in the rear-view mirror.

Russian ballet chiefs held in bribes case

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TWO of the most prominent figures in the world of Russian performing arts have been detained by police in St Petersburg and accused of accepting thousands of dollars in cash from foreign promoters booking tours by the Kirov ballet.

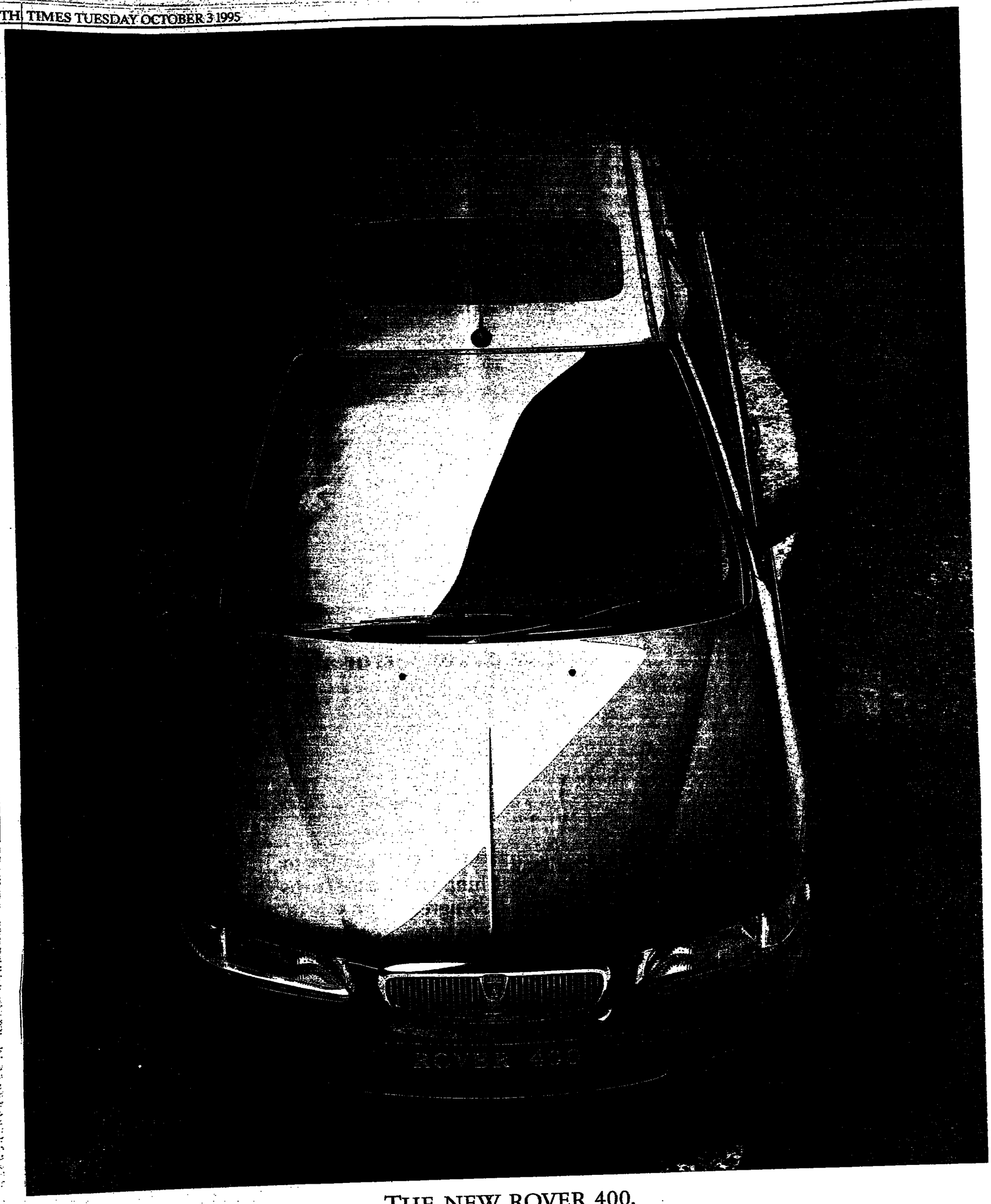
Anatoli Malkov, director of the Mariinsky opera and ballet theatre, and Oleg Vinogradov, the Kirov's director and chief choreographer, have been held for three days while prosecutors draw up charges against them.

According to Nikolai Danilov, head of the city's economic crime department, Mr Malkov was arrested in his office after accepting $10,000 (£6,300) from a foreign impresario. The police confiscated a further $142,000 from his office safe.

The police said that Mr Vinogradov, who was arrested on Saturday, had confessed to accepting bribes. On their release both men will be bound to remain in the city until the inquiry is completed. Investigators were said to be working on the assumption that bribe-taking had been going on for several years and that millions of dollars had changed hands over that period.

The allegations will come as a big blow to the Kirov's reputation; in its 250-year history the ballet has produced some of the world's greatest dancers, including Pavlova, Nureyev, Baryshnikov and Makarova. Unlike Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, which is under new direction after years of falling standards and public disputes, the Kirov appeared to have kept its high standards during the post-communist upheavals.

This summer, during its tour of Britain and America, critics acclaimed the Kirov's corps de ballet as the best in the world. Mr Vinogradov, who has been the Kirov's director for 18 years and runs a ballet school in Washington, is credited with maintaining the company's standards, but has complained of being mugged, burgled, and harassed by the mafia, which he said was trying to seize control of the Kirov.



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Souvenir mania as the Pope visits US

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

VATICAN jewellery, Pope T-shirts and church-sponsored mineral water will replace the customary pomp and circumstance of a papal visit when the Pope arrives in New York tomorrow for a five-day American visit.

Politicians are clamouring for a chance to meet him and members of the public are paying up to $75 (£47) for supposedly free tickets to the papal Masses.

The Roman Catholic Church has tried to restrain the trade in papal memorabilia that marred the Pope's last American trip in 1993 by banning "Pope-on-a-Rope" soap and the "Let Us Pray" lawn sprinkler. But souvenir-hunters will be able to find a church-licensed watch that lights up with the Pope's portrait and bookmarks embossed with a hologram of his face. The Vatican has separately approved a new line of jewellery based on the treasures in its collection.

During his visit the Pope will visit a soup kitchen, lead a prayer service at St Patrick's Cathedral, address the United Nations, meet seminarians and Jewish leaders and preside at Mass on a racecourse. The highlight will be a procession through New York accompanied by a 44-piece symphony orchestra.



The Pope: orchestra will accompany him

Russians seek to prevent Arctic nuclear catastrophe

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN OSLO

ANDREI KOZYREV, the Russian Foreign Minister, arrives in Oslo tomorrow for talks that may be decisive in showing how far Moscow will go in seeking Western help to avert a potential nuclear catastrophe in its decaying Arctic fleet.

Mr Kozyrev will brief Bjorn Godal, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, on Russia's plans to work with its Nordic neighbours in lessening the danger of massive nuclear contamination of the Barents Sea by its ageing submarines. He is also expected to endorse a rescue mission led by a British company which will start work in two weeks on making safe a decaying ship moored in Murmansk harbour that is filled with more than 500 old and damaged nuclear fuel rods.

His visit comes a week before Russia takes over the presidency of the Barents Council for the first time since its creation in 1993. The council, formalising co-operation between Russia, Norway, Sweden and Finland, offers Moscow unprecedented help in cleaning up the contamination of the Kola peninsula, home of Russia's Northern Fleet and containing the greatest concentration of ageing nuclear weapons and unstable nuclear reactors in the world.

Norwegian researchers estimate that only 30 miles from their northern frontier there is a concentration of nuclear waste that could emit a thousand times more radiation than the latest French nuclear test on Sunday. As well as 182 nuclear reactors in operation, there are 135 no longer in use and 15 waste storage sites on land and at sea. The amount dumped constitutes two-thirds of all radioactive waste ever dumped in all the oceans of the world. The main civilian nuclear power plant in the Kola peninsula is considered, after Chernobyl, the most unsafe in the world.

Mr Kozyrev, who represents Murmansk in the Duma, is under pressure from Scandinavia to agree to extensive Western monitoring of Russian proposals to dispose of nuclear warheads and reactors from 71 submarines laid up at bases in the Kola peninsula. There are fears that Moscow may either dump them at sea or cut them up without proper safeguards against radiation leaks.

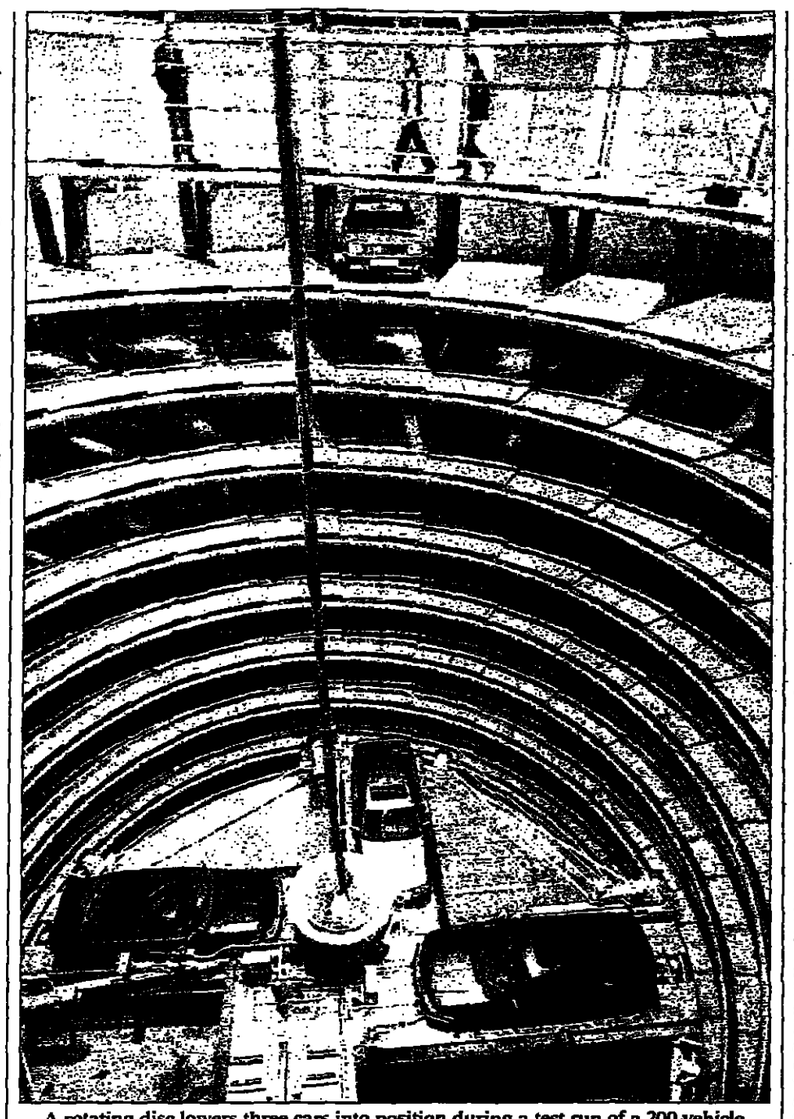
Despite the sinking of the *Komsomolets*, a nuclear-powered submarine that caught fire, there has been relatively little radiation leakage. Norwegian monitoring has found that fish stocks are not endangered and most of the radiation has come from Sellafield, swept north by the Gulf Stream.

The test case will be the new agreement to use Western technical help in making safe the *Lepse*, the converted service ship used to store spent fuel from nuclear ice-breakers. Built in 1936, the old ship is moored in the busy Murmansk harbour where a collision could release huge amounts of radiation.

Russia postponed plans to fill the ship with concrete and dump it off the barren Novaya Zemlya island. Western companies tendered to remove the fuel using robots, and Britain's Atomic Energy Agency, together with the French SNG company, will begin initial work later this month. The case is seen as a test run by Moscow to find out whether it can invite similar help to deal with 15 other nuclear storage ships moored at the submarine base in Severomorsk.

Mr Kozyrev has encouraged an extraordinary new openness about the extent of Russia's problems in the Arctic, and in return is likely to reap more Western money to help this endangered part of the country than any other region.

☐ **Kiev:** Ukraine asked Canada to put pressure on the Group of 7 leading industrialised countries to help it financially with the closure of Chernobyl. *(Reuter)*



A rotating disc lowers three cars into position during a test run of a 200-vehicle automatic parking garage in Augsburg, southern Germany. The mechanism is designed to return cars to drivers 2½ minutes after the parking fee has been paid

America put on terror alert

BY JAMES BONE

THE United States has ordered its toughest security clampdown since the Gulf War to prevent reprisals over the conviction of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Egyptian fundamentalist leader.

Airports across the nation were put on alert and travellers were warned to expect delays after the blind Muslim cleric and nine followers were found guilty in New York of plotting a "war of urban terrorism".

Special police groups started monitoring synagogues and mosques and extra guards were to be assigned to government buildings, already on alert since the Oklahoma City bombing in April.

Security is particularly tight in New York, which is awaiting the visit by the Pope this week and will host President Mubarak of Egypt and 146 other world leaders at the end of the month for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

"We're planning for the worst," said James Kallstrom, chief of the FBI's New York office. Officials said the alert was triggered by general concern about possible terrorist attacks in the wake of Sheikh Abdel-Rahman's conviction and last week's Middle East peace accord in Washington.

The new security precautions were first drawn up in early August. Federico Pena, the US Transportation Secretary, has given a warning of a "general threat against all US interests at home and abroad".

Cubans develop growing taste for capitalism

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN HAVANA

Teonila Rodriguez, who owns a small seafront restaurant in Cuba doing brisk business since it opened a month ago, says capitalism has made her famous. She is not sure if capitalism is right for Cuba, but it seems to suit her just fine. "I have a head for business. I'm ready for this and much more," she says with pride.

More than 35 years after Cuba's communist revolution, capitalist concepts are creeping into every aspect of life, and people like Señora Rodriguez are having to learn fast.

President Castro says it is a matter of survival. Although he vows that Cuba will never again become a capitalist country, he says that some "capitalist elements" are necessary to "save" the revolution. The loss of Soviet subsidies has forced Cuba to look elsewhere for foreign currency. One partial remedy has involved allowing dollars back into circulation and the encouragement of foreign investment. Cuba is unable to seek financial aid from the large international donors because of a 30-year-old economic embargo by America.

As the island zig-zags between socialism and capitalism, many Cubans are struggling to comprehend the logic of their daily lives. Some are left rubbing their eyes in disbelief at the changes, whether it be at capitalist-type advertising in the streets, the film *Forest Gump* on television, or a £160,000 Lamborghini Diablo parked outside Havana's new five-star Cohiba hotel.

The changes have split a society, educated for the past three decades to believe in social equality, into a minority of "haves" who have access to dollars and a "have-not" majority using Cuban pesos.

Some, like Señora Rodriguez, are coping better than others in the transition. She seized on the chance to start a business when the Government allowed private restaurants to open in June.

But as Cubans find it harder to survive on state salaries, many have turned to corruption. In Matanzas, hotel employees were found guilty of stealing money and nearly 30 tons of meat.

Street robberies and burglaries, once a rarity, are now not uncommon. An international market in smuggled Cuban antiquities is booming, fuelling the black-market trade and theft of family heirlooms as well as valuable paintings by Cuban masters.

In a July speech, Señor Castro blamed the growing contact with capitalism for the rise in bribery and corruption. He said the young were being "carried away by the thirst for hard currency and are ready even to sell their souls". But for all its drawbacks, foreign investment may have helped Cuba to turn the corner. Canadian firms have helped its mining industry to expand while British companies are exploring for oil. After six years of steep decline, experts say Cuba's economic ills may have touched bottom, and is beginning a slow recovery. Last year, they say, the island registered growth of 0.7 per cent.

Cuba's main obstacle to growth remains agricultural production, which has collapsed because of a lack of labour incentives, machinery and fertilisers. In an attempt to raise production, the Government has turned inefficient farms into workers co-operatives. Farmers who once sold crops to the State at low fixed prices are now allowed to sell 20 per cent of their produce at open markets.

Most experts agree that Cuba has a long climb back to economic stability. Even hitting the slide has cost it dear. Havana has had to cut long-standing subsidies as well as thousands of jobs at unproductive factories to slash a bloated budget.

But Cuban officials, both orthodox Marxists and moderate reformers, are wary of pushing reforms too fast. "We know we have to restructure the country," says Lazaro Buenredo, a senior member of Cuba's National Assembly. "But we cannot have anarchy in this country. We have to implement changes without chaos." US officials say they are unimpressed so far by the reforms. European analysts are more encouraged but admit they would like to see some signs of democratic political reform.

Most Cubans, meanwhile, are just confused. "We don't know which way the country is headed. North, south, east or west," says Juan Palacios, a retired army captain. He has also opened a restaurant, La Volanta, to supplement his state pension, which is worth about $4 (£2.53) a month.



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Washington: China accepted yesterday a meeting between President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin in New York this month during the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebrations rather than the state visit to Washington which Chinese officials had wanted originally (Tom Rhodes writes).

☐ London: Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, began a three-day visit to Britain yesterday aimed at soothing friction over the Hong Kong reforms.

Jordan protest

Jerusalem: More than 100 militant Jewish settlers waded across the River Jordan to stage a protest in Jordanian territory against the growing Israel-Palestinian peace process. The cross-border protest marks an escalation of their anti-peace campaign.

Winfrey wealth

New York: Oprah Winfrey, the talk-show host, may become America's first black billionaire. She is 399th in *Forbes Magazine* list of the 400 richest people in the US, with $340 million (£215m). Bill Gates of Microsoft Corp is top, with $14.8 billion.

Short cut

Cairo: The only direct road link between Asia and Africa, the Ahmed Hamdi tunnel which goes under the Suez Canal, will reopen 24 hours a day from Thursday after several years of restricted service for repairs since it opened in 1963. *(Reuter)*

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Clinton to ease curbs on sale of computers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is going to ease restrictions on the export of America's most advanced supercomputers, despite fears that countries such as China would use them to accelerate missile and nuclear weapons programmes.

The White House said Mr Clinton had yet to decide what controls to retain, but a plan hammered out after months of internal administration wrangling would substantially increase the limits on the performance of computers that can be exported.

Critics accused the President of bowing to pressure from companies in key electoral states. Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, told *The New York Times* yesterday the Administration was about to make a crucial tool available to countries with dangerous nuclear ambitions. He charged Mr Clinton with taking "a political decision designed to help California".

Administration officials countered that the present restrictions sought to "control the uncontrollable" and were costing billions of dollars in potential sales.

Manufacturers struggle to obtain a licence to export any computer more powerful than 1,500 million theoretical operations per second (MTOPs), although vastly more powerful ones are on the market. The new plan would reportedly raise that ceiling to 2,000 MTOPs — though sales for the development of nuclear weapons would remain illegal. Thereafter potential purchasers would be classified according to risk.

Civilian purchasers in countries with nuclear ambitions would be permitted to import computers of up to 7,000 MTOPs. Military users would need a licence.

The ban on sales to renegade states would continue, but most restrictions on those to close allies or friendly countries without nuclear weapons programmes would be abolished.

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Scandinavian leaders spearhead attack on Chirac's South Pacific programme

Euro ministers say French nuclear test undermines Union

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG AND BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S latest nuclear test cast a pall over a European ministers' session in Luxembourg yesterday, clouding talk of an Atlantic free trade area and adding to a malaise among the smaller states over the Union's direction.

Anger over yesterday's high-yield test at Fangataufa atoll in the South Pacific echoed around Brussels and Luxembourg. The EU Commission abandoned its previous distance and said it that deplored the blast.

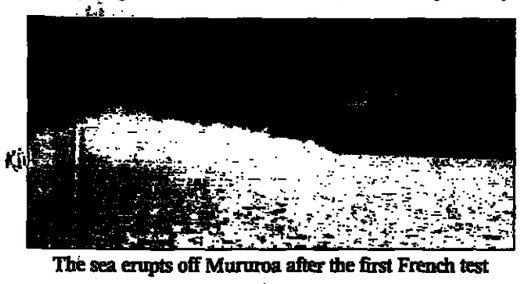
At a Luxembourg EU meeting, Scandinavian ministers led the attack on Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, charging him with flouting the wishes of the European people and undermining the Union. Ministers from all the EU states except Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal spoke out against President Chirac.

"We are very, very disappointed," Lena Hjelm-Wallen, the Swedish Foreign Minister, said. "We had hoped that the reaction around the world would have stopped the tests." Niels Helveg-Petersen, the Danish Minister, said that German silence did not imply approval. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, noted that it was "up to France to justify" its decision to test. "There will be no more nuclear tests as far as the United Kingdom is concerned," he added.

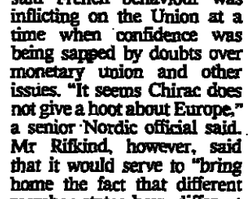
The opposing states lamented the disarray which they said French behaviour was inflicting on the Union at a time when confidence was being sapped by doubts over monetary union and other issues. "It seems Chirac does not give a hoot about Europe," a senior Nordic official said. Mr Rifkind, however, said that it would serve to "bring home the fact that different member states have different foreign policy and defence priorities."

M de Charette said that most of the noise was coming from the media rather than other governments. "I do not think this is damaging French diplomacy," he said.

The French device had an explosive force estimated at six times greater than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. The second explosion in the new series of tests was beneath Fangataufa atoll 750 miles southeast of Tahiti. It was "less than 110 kilotonnes", according to the Defence Ministry, and intended to evaluate the 150-kilotonne TN75 warhead that will be carried by France's five Triomphant-class submarines.



The sea erupts off Mururoa after the first French test



A seismograph records yesterday's explosion



Greenpeace activists occupying the roof of the French Ambassador's residence in London yesterday

Explosion renews wave of protests

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRANCE'S explosion of a second nuclear bomb in the South Pacific yesterday sparked angry protests throughout the Pacific region.

Paul Keating, Australia's Prime Minister, immediately said: "The test ignores the understandable outrage in the international community at the first French test. France's good name in the region and around the world has been further damaged. Australia's efforts to press France to abandon its nuclear test programme will be unceasing and unrelenting."

In New Zealand, Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, added: "There is a great sense of frustration that France seems determined not to listen to the voice of the Pacific, the voice of world leaders at home in Europe or anywhere else."

Top-level protests regretting the test also came from Japan, Russia and Norway. In Australia, New Zealand and Japan, French ambassadors were summoned to meetings to receive a formal protest.

The New Zealand Government is resisting strong pressure from opposition parties to sever diplomatic ties with France. The South Pacific Forum, a grouping of 15 independent nations, is likely to move to suspend France as a dialogue partner. New Zealand and Papua New Guinea yesterday reiterated their support for such action.

Anti-French protesters in Sydney and Canberra marched on French consulates while Australian unions declared a 24-hour strike on refuelling French aircraft. In Norway, many workers stopped work for five minutes at midday to protest against French and Chinese testing.

In Papeete, the Tahiti capital, the mood was tense with more than a thousand French police on stand-by to avert any repetition of the riots that followed the first test.

In London, 20 Greenpeace activists were being held by police last night after climbing on to the roof of the French Ambassador's official residence. The organisation condemned the explosion as "totally outrageous".

Blast churns atoll lagoon into foam

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

A BRIGHT flash and a sea of foaming water signalled to the world France's second nuclear explosion of the present series, at Fangataufa atoll in the South Pacific yesterday, as the magnitude of the huge blast turned the lagoon white.

Television film of the test, taken by the French military authorities, was the only material broadcast around the Pacific region; a Greenpeace vessel, the *Manutea*, whose crew had been hoping to film the blast, was seized by French marines shortly before the test.

The 110-kilotonne explosion, set off by the turn of a key by French military officials in bunkers hidden deep in Fangataufa atoll, quickly spread out across the water in a huge ring as the sea began to bubble. Ken Muirhead, an official of the Australian Seismological Centre, said that the blast was was one of the largest nuclear explosions ever recorded.

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation, which registered the blast in Canberra 12 minutes after it occurred, said the explosion had registered at ten times the intensity of the shockwaves of the first blast, which took place on September 5. Greenpeace says that Fangataufa atoll was chosen for the second test because Mururoa atoll, the site of the first in the series, was too fragile to withstand the greater blast.

It is believed that the second test was carried out to check the reliability of the TN75 warhead, which will equip new French submarines next year. A spokesman for the French military said: "The goal of this test was to guarantee the safety and reliability of the weapons in the future."

Warhead linked to new submarines

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FRANCE'S latest nuclear test was part of the its strategic deterrent modernisation programme which is currently under review.

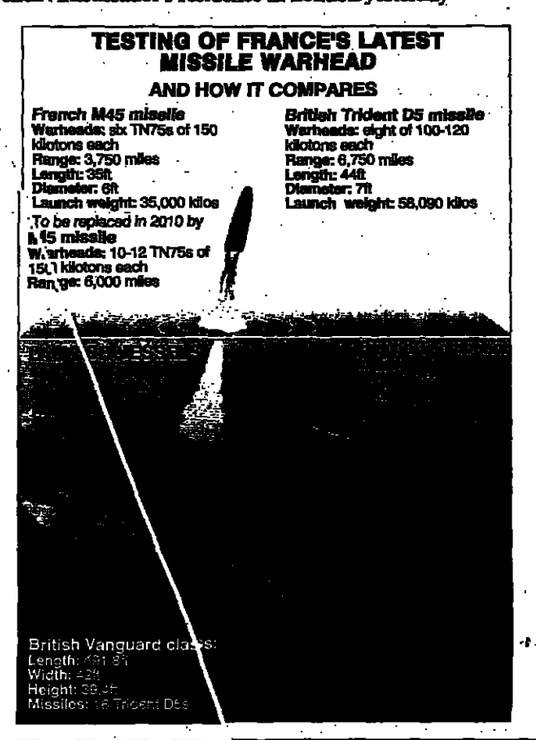
The French Navy's five Redoubtable-class submarines, each armed with 16 M4 missiles, are being replaced by a new Triomphant-class boat which will have the updated and longer-range M45 missile.

Under longer-term plans the French propose to replace the M45 missile with the M5 system which will have ten to 12 warheads and a range of 6,000 miles. Deployment of the even bigger missile system is planned for about 2010.

The latest nuclear test was aimed at certifying the performance characteristics of the TN75 warhead for the M45 missile. Although 22 previous tests had been carried out during development, the French military said it needed one final experiment.

The future of France's strategic systems and the structure of French armed forces is currently the subject of a comprehensive review ordered by the Chirac Government. Unlike Britain and other Nato countries, France had postponed a defence review following the end of the Cold War. However, President Chirac ordered a full examination of security requirements and a report is expected early next year. The M45 and M5 systems are both included in the review.

The current proposal is to fit the M45 missile system with its TN75 warhead to the four Triomphant-class submarines and to refit them with the M5 at a later date. The number of Triomphant-class submarines has already been cut from six to four.



Kenyan spared gallows

Nakuru: Koigi wa Wamwere, Kenya's leading dissident, and two defendants were sentenced to four years' jail and six strokes of the cane after being found guilty of attempting to steal weapons from a police station. The charge of mounting an armed raid on a police station, which carries a mandatory death sentence, was dropped. *(Reuter)*

Dual control

Moroni: Comoros coup leader Captain Combo Ayouba, freed from jail by Colonel Bob Dénard, appointed two civilian Presidents as anger grew against the mercenaries. But most backed removal of President Djohar. *(Reuter)*

Storm havoc

Manila: President Ramos, while on a working visit to Kuala Lumpur, declared a Philippines state of calamity after 29 provinces and 27 cities were ravaged by tropical storm Sybil. More than 100 have died. *(Reuter)*

Nigerian TV shows excerpts from plot trial



Obasanjo: his conviction led to worldwide protests

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LAGOS

THE Nigerian military Government was accused yesterday of playing games with the liberty of its citizens after state-controlled television showed excerpts of a secret coup plot trial hours after sentences on 40 alleged plotters were commuted.

The videotape of the trial, screened on Sunday night, purported to show that there were two plots, which later converged, against the Government of General Sani Abacha. The trial excerpts conveyed that General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former ruler, and his former deputy, Major-General Shehu Yar'Adua, met the alleged leaders and supported their plans. The conviction of General Obasanjo, widely respected in the West, at a secret military trial earlier this year provoked protests around the world and threats of sanctions against Nigeria.

In the face of mounting international pressure, General Abacha on Sunday commuted sentences on the accused, 14 of whom faced execution, but did not specify what the prison terms would be. He also gave details of a three-year transition to civilian rule. In the film, the narrator portrayed retired Colonel Sambo Dasuki, an exiled fugitive, as the leader of the main plot in which General Abacha would be assassinated by a bomb at a Muslim praying ground or the presidency in Abuja, the capital, would be stormed. The other plot also involved exiled Nigerians and was allegedly hatched in neighbouring Benin.

One independent newspaper described the film as "a revealing testimony" but Gani Fawehinmi, one of the few leading opposition figures not behind bars, said the film was faked and televised to make General Abacha look magnanimous. Critics of the Abacha regime have accused it of dreaming up the coup plot last March to crack down on pro-democracy campaigners and divert pressure for the return to civilian rule.

A senior Western diplomat said that there was no evidence to convict General Obasanjo and warned General Abacha that he was "playing with fire".

"He is clearly trying to tease out of us further approval for the transition process. This is playing games with people's liberty," the diplomat said.

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Army kills 51 Tigers in Jaffna offensive

FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO

ABOUT 51 Tamil Tiger guerrillas were killed in a Sri Lankan Army offensive that led to the capture of a number of towns in the rebel stronghold of Jaffna, a military communiqué said yesterday. The army lost 19 men.

The offensive, codenamed Thunder Strike, involved three army brigades backed by tanks and artillery. The soldiers, advancing from Palaly air base on the northern tip of Jaffna at dawn on Sunday, overran guerrilla positions to the south, it said. "By afternoon troops captured an area of eight square miles, including Achchuveli, Thoppu, Navakkeri, Vasavilan, Puthur, Pathameni, Avarankal, Iddaikadu and Vallai."

The troops faced initial resistance from the guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. "Subsequently the terrorists started withdrawing further to the south," the communiqué said. "The operation is in progress."

Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe had denied on Sunday that the troop movement signalled the start of the planned major offensive against the Tigers which has been expected before monsoon rains start in the middle of the month.

The rebel Tiger Radio reported heavy fighting in Jaffna on Sunday. It said tanks and armoured vehicles were moving towards rebel-held areas, and that shells had been hitting the Achchuveli area since Sunday morning. At least five civilians were killed, it said. There had also been heavy fighting at the key Elephant Pass, which links the government-controlled southern mainland with the northern Jaffna peninsula.

The Government has said it wants to crush the Tigers after they unilaterally broke a truce in April and resumed hostilities, refusing to study a government peace plan offering extensive autonomy to Tamils.

Anuruddha Ratwatte, the Deputy Defence Minister, was quoted yesterday as saying Colombo would not slow down or abandon the war but it would be fought to a finish within two or three months. Once the 12-year-old war was over, a political solution to the ethnic problem was necessary for lasting peace, he added.

Cambodia delays British doctor's rape hearing

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PHNOM PENH

THE trial of a British doctor charged with raping five Cambodian boys has been postponed after the escape of a former Buddhist monk alleged to have procured minors for the doctor, court officials said yesterday.

The former monk, Sontantak Vitak, was arrested on Friday and charged with rape and conspiracy to commit rape but escaped on Saturday as he was being brought to court, said Nob Sophon, deputy chief of Phnom Penh Municipal Court.

Depending on the decision of a judge, the monk was to have been either a witness or a co-defendant in the trial of Gavin Scott, who was arrested in June on suspicion of paedophilia after five teenage boys complained to the police that Dr Scott had assaulted them. The trial was to have begun today.

Court sources quoted by the *Cambodia Daily* newspaper said that the monk may also be charged with pimping. He may also face charges of kidnapping.

Dr Scott's lawyer, Samuel Oum, confirmed that the case had been postponed indefinitely. Dr Scott, who had operated a private practice in the capital for several years, has been held in Phnom Penh's notorious colonial-era prison and has been refused bail. The rape charge carries a three to five-year prison term on conviction.

The five teenagers complained to police with the help of the Cambodian branch of End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism. The group has come under fire from a growing number of foreigners, who have sent letters to the editor of local newspapers, contending that the private group has conducted the entire investigation and has interfered with Dr Scott's ability to prepare a defence by opposing his release on bail. The group has declined to comment.



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NatWest sells Centre-File to US for £33.1m

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATWEST GROUP is selling part of its computer services subsidiary, Centre-file, to Ceridian, a US information and defence electronics company, for £33.1 million. The rest, mainly software businesses, will either be transferred to NatWest or sold.

The restructuring and sale of Centre-file is the latest of a stream of NatWest disposals that include sales of its retail banking subsidiaries in Europe and Australia, the sale of its global custody business to Lloyds Bank, and more recently, the announcement of its intention to seek a buyer for NatWest Bancorp, its US retail banking operation

Trevor Blackler, chief executive of NatWest Group Services, said the bank's policy over the past few years had been to concentrate "its resources in markets where it can have a major and profitable presence, and divesting those businesses which do not fit its strategic objectives."

The restructuring will be completed next year.

Ceridian, which grew out of the reshaping of Control Data Corporation in 1992, will take over the Centre-file personal and payroll services division. The division employs 264 people, all of whom will be transferred to a UK subsidiary of Ceridian which, as part of the deal, has bought the Centre-file name. It has also entered into a marketing agreement with NatWest UK in which the two will jointly market a NatWest-branded payroll and personal system to NatWest customers.

In a separate facilities management deal, NatWest will continue to provide a computer processing service to Ceridian.

For Ceridian the acquisition is its 12th since 1992, and its first acquisition of a human resources company outside the US.

Lawrence Perlman, its chairman and chief executive, said there were excellent opportunities for the firm to grow its human resources business in Europe, the US and other markets.

Centre-file was set up by NatWest over 25 years ago as a computer bureau and now employs a total of 1,200 staff. A NatWest spokesman said: "There are going to be some job losses", but he was unable to say how many, adding that the bank would attempt to redeploy staff whose roles disappeared during the restructuring.

Centre-file also includes a group of software companies, most of which have been put up for sale.

NatWest is "in advanced stages of negotiations with a potential purchaser" of K3, which supplies software to building societies and insurance companies and employs 150 people.

As part of the restructuring, NatWest has set up a unit called Integrated Work, a software and consultancy company that supplies integrated workflow software and employs 140 people, which has been put up for sale or joint venture.

Centre-file's Information Management Systems arm will move in-house, but a computer processing contract with the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) has been put up for sale.

NatWest Business Solutions, which also develops banking and insurance software, but mostly for NatWest businesses, will become part of the group's information technology operation.

ALAN WELLER



John Bridgeman says his brief is to ensure that choice thrives through competition

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Insurers fear dawn of green claims era

ENVIRONMENTAL issues have become so politically sensitive that companies in Britain are concerned that they will soon have to buy extra insurance policies to cover potential multimillion pound claims. Over the past five years, governments have been made aware of the seriousness of environmental pollution, while authorities have become more ready to prosecute, according to the Association of British Insurers (ABI).

The Association of Insurance and Risk Managers (Airmic), which represents 600 insurance buyers, fears that some of the world's largest insurance companies may exclude pollution claims from many commercial insurance policies, forcing companies to buy extra cover at greater cost and with restricted coverage. The insurance industry is becoming so concerned at the prospect of huge claims dragging on for many years that the ABI is to launch an enquiry. The most famous pollution claims in recent years were those against the Exxon Valdiz, the tanker that ran aground in Prince William Sound, close to Alaska, in March 1989. The company has paid out $900 in damages so far. An ABI spokesman said the issue of pollution would be looked at closely "because claims are potentially huge and drag on for years".

Ofex makes its debut

OFEX, the screen-based trading system designed to offer a similar facility to the now defunct rule 4.2 on the Stock Exchange, yesterday launched its activities with 50 companies trading. The operation, set up by J P Jenkins, the broker, has taken on large names such as National Car Parking and Weetabix. Generally, however, the companies are smaller and have switched to Ofex in preference to the more costly Alternative Investment Market — whosedealers experienced no rush of activity, although 10 more firms joined yesterday.

Four in rail shortlist

FOUR consortiums have been shortlisted to bid for the concession to finance, build and operate Croydon Tramlink, a 28km light rail network to link Croydon with Wimbledon, Beckenham and New Addington. They are Altram (whose partners are John Laing, Ansaldo Transporti and Serco Group); Croydon Connect (Tarmac, AEG and Transdev); CT Light Rail Group (GEC Alsthom, Mowlem and Welsh Water) and Tramtrack Croydon (CentreWest, Bank of Scotland, McAlpine, Amey Construction and Bombardier Eurorail).

Rockefeller Centre bid

DAVID ROCKEFELLER has re-entered the battle for control of the Rockefeller Centre, the bankrupt Manhattan development 80 per cent owned by Mitsubishi. He has linked with Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, and Tishman Speyer, a New York property group, to launch a $297 million bid for the company that owns the $1.3 billion mortgage. The offer was made at a bankruptcy court hearing at which an offer by Chicago developer Sam Zell in partnership with Walt Disney and General Electric was likely to be accepted.

TT Group purchase

TT GROUP, the electronic and industrial products company, has acquired Linton & Hirst Group, a manufacturer of laminations for the electronics industry, for £16.8 million. The vendors are the management, Schroder Ventures and North of England Ventures, who led a management buy-in in 1992. Up to £1.72 million of the total consideration is conditional on the business earning profits of at least £2.5 million in the year to December 31. In 1994 Linton & Hirst earned profits of £1.7 million before tax on turnover of £27.1 million.

Dredging pays same

BRITISH DREDGING, the building products, marine dredging and ship repair company, is maintaining the interim at 2.6p after a decline in profits to £685,000 before tax (£858,000) in the half year to June 30. Profits were affected by total exceptional charges of £250,000 relating to operational problems on one of the company's dredgers, trading losses at a new Selco trade centre in Bristol, a theft at another outlet and costs associated to management changes. Michael Brown, chairman, said trading was becoming increasingly difficult.

Chiroscience soars

CHIROSCIENCE Group said one of its key products in development, an oral treatment for arthritis, would soon enter clinical trials. Collaborative deals and increased sales were starting to flow, the biotechnology company said. In the half year to August 31 sales rose to £2.11 million (£760,000). Pre-tax losses were £5.5 million (£3.75 million). John Padfield, chief executive, said the results were well within plan after research and development costs increased to £5.55 million from £3.66 million. The shares rose 13p to 310p.

Building society contract

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER, the building society at the centre of much speculation over whether it plans to seek a merger or go for a stock market flotation, has awarded the contract for providing third party services to its new life and unit trust arm to Marlborough Stirling Administration. A&L, which owns Girobank, is due to end its agency agreement with Scottish Amicable next year. Scottish Amicable, itself the subject of bid and merger rumours, had been a strong contender for the contract to provide services to A&L's new life operation.

London Clubs expands

LONDON CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, the casino operator, has acquired London Park Tower casino at the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel in Knightsbridge for an initial £16 million, with a further deferred payment of up to £6 million depending on profits. The deal will be funded out of London Clubs' existing resources. The net assets of London Park Tower, one of the last privately owned casinos in the capital, were £14.4 million at April 30. In the last financial year, the club made a pre-tax profit of £1.6 million on turnover of £7.4 million.

Tenneco paying $1.3bn for Mobil plastics division

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

TENNECO, the energy and manufacturing conglomerate, is buying the plastics division of Mobil Corp for $1.3 billion to form one of the world's largest packaging and consumer products companies.

The purchase is likely to herald an expansion of Tenneco's packaging operations in the UK and Europe. "There are opportunities to expand and the Mobil plastics acquisition will increase them," a company spokeswoman said. "The Mobil division has operations that are not overseas at present but could be in the future." Tenneco last week announced the purchase of Penlea Plastics, a Newcastle company, as part of a strategy to build its worldwide packaging operations.

The addition of Mobil Plastics, already one of the largest packaging groups in the US, to Tenneco's Packaging Corp of America, will create a company with annual revenues of $4 billion. It will specialise in plastic cutlery and packaging for the food industry, such as supermarkets, as well as food storage bags and polystyrene packaging. Although the Mobil business operates only in the US and Canada, Tenneco's existing packaging businesses include interests in Europe and the Far East.

Early this year Tenneco raised about £520 million through the flotation in London of Albright & Wilson, the UK chemicals company.

Tenneco has already spent $1 billion on acquisitions over the past year in a strategy to diversify away from cyclical businesses and build its core energy and petrochemical operations.

"This acquisition significantly accelerates our progress toward reshaping Tenneco into a world-class higher-growth business," Dana Mead, Tenneco's chairman and chief executive, said.

"We expect the positive financial impact to kick in almost immediately — it adds to our EPS in very short order."

The company said more acquisitions were likely as it restructured its operations. Mobil said it would use the proceeds of the sale to fund acquisitions in its core energy businesses.

OECD sees 10% growth in Russia

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE Russian economy has probably started to expand, if full account is taken of the private sector, and could reach 10 per cent annual growth next year, if inflation is cut and reform continues.

The conclusions are contained in the latest survey from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which adds the upturn could falter if inflation remains high or if there is no improvement in the commercial environment or more productive use of resources.

Its formal forecast is for annual growth in the gross domestic product of 2 per cent in real terms next year, after a 5 per cent contraction this year. The Russian economy has contracted sharply since the collapse of communism, with the gdp falling 50 per cent since 1990.

Recent economic improvement is attributed to good export performance, which has given a relatively healthy position on the current account, the OECD says. It notes that the indicators of external indebtedness are also looking less unfavourable.

Radical plan to spread pension risks

BY ROBERT MILLER

A RADICAL new plan on the way in which occupational pension schemes are run in the future and how to share the risks and rewards on a more equable basis between employers and employees was launched at a leading pensions conference yesterday.

Addressing the one-day 1995 Pensions Conference, organised by the Confederation of British Industry and held in London, Tony Mason, a partner of Lane Clark & Peacock (LCP), a firm of consulting actuaries, said the most significant feature of LCP's *Pensions 2000* plan was to introduce the concept of sharing the risks and rewards of investment performance between employers and members of occupational schemes by having a new system of bonuses within a final salary related structure.

At present, those in final salary schemes are guaranteed a number of benefits when they take their pension, which adds greatly to the employers' costs. Money purchase scheme members enjoy no such guarantees and the costs to the employer are generally much smaller. Mr Mason said: "Employers are looking for much greater certainty of cost in the future than is currently provided by traditional final salary schemes. Equally, employees are becoming increasingly unhappy at taking the full investment risk in a money purchase arrangement, as they begin to appreciate the implications of the mis-selling of personal pensions and their exposure to movements in the markets."

Under the LCP plan, benefits for scheme members would be calculated as a percentage of earnings but expressed as a lump sum known as a Capital Value. The lump sum would then increase each year as service accrues, earnings grow and bonuses are declared.

On retirement, the Capital Value is converted into benefits taken as a combination of lump sum, an entitlement to annual income, and if desired, a pension for their spouse or dependant.

The annual discretionary bonus is estimated at 3 per cent, but could vary between 0 and 6 per cent.

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Bridgeman champions cause of consumers

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN BRIDGEMAN, former managing director of British Alcan Aluminium, yesterday took office as Director-General of Fair Trading. He is charged with protecting consumers from the excesses of monopolistic companies.

In spite of his business background — he is the first industrialist to head the Office of Fair Trading since the late Sir John Methven, the former ICI chief, became founder Director-General in 1973 — Mr Bridgeman made plain his determination to put the consumer first in competition policy.

He said: "I intend to do all I can for open and efficient markets and vigorous competition between businesses. This is at the heart of greater consumer choice.

"The OFT is at the centre of the UK's competition and consumer life and I want it to continue to be a dynamic and industrious agency for consumer protection."

Mr Bridgeman, who celebrates his 51st birthday this week, was appointed by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade.

He succeeds Sir Bryan Carsberg in the watchdog role.

Sir Bryan, an accountant and academic who earned his regulatory spurs at Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, resigned while half way through his five-year term to head the International Accounting Standards Committee.

He had argued forcefully for Britain to adopt a European-style law banning uncompetitive practices and for the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, to be combined.

Mr Bridgeman is a former member of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and is visiting professor of management at Keele University.

Jeffrey Preston, who has been acting Director-General at the Office of Fair Trading since Sir Bryan's departure in May, resumes his post as deputy director-general.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.02
Austria Sch	16.92	15.42
Belgium Fr	49.52	45.22
Canada $	2.221	2.061
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.39	8.59
Finland Mrk	7.34	6.69
France Fr	8.20	7.55
Germany Dm	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.84	11.84
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1436	4.4956
Italy Lira	2545.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	172.00	156.00
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlands Gld	2.685	2.455
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.52	9.73
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.48
Spain Pta	202.00	189.00
Sweden Kr	11.53	10.78
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.78
Turkey Lira	refer	73560.0
USA $	1.675	1.545

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National Savings seeks the wealthy

BY MORAG PRESTON



Knight: launched the new campaign

ANGELA KNIGHT, the Treasury Minister, launched an advertising campaign for National Savings (NS) yesterday, to attract younger-middle-aged, affluent customers, as pressure rises for the Government to meet borrowing targets.

From tomorrow, investors will be able to buy Government investments from application forms that will appear regularly in five national newspapers, including *The Times*, as part of a campaign that will run for a year to obviate the need for investors to visit a post office.

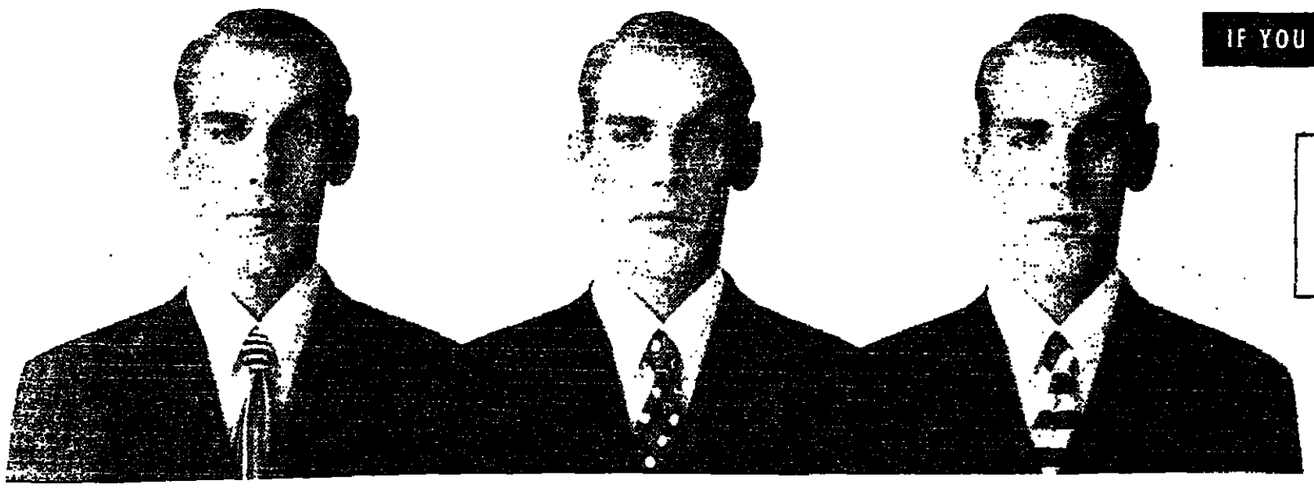
The sales strategy was launched a week after the Bank of England's gilt auction failure. To meet its £2.5 billion target towards the public sector borrowing requirement this year, NS needs to generate £8-£9 billion sales.

Newspapers will feature two advertisements in the same space every week, called Virtual Shops, that will offer product information as well as an application form. The campaign follows research by NS, that showed investors often did not know where to find them.

Anne Nash, head of marketing, said: "Investors will know where to look in the future. When somebody has money to invest they will know where to find us. NS has targeted customers aged 45-55, looking to invest lump sums. The campaign seeks to differentiate NS from big building societies, highlighting its security as a Treasury department. NS has 11 products, including Premium Bonds, its best seller, with sales of £3 billion, since the announcement of a monthly £1 million jackpot two years' ago.

Mrs Nash said the timing of the launch was coincidental, and that it was the new advertising agency's idea to spend of the £5 million annual advertising budget on the direct-marketing campaign.

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☐ Alternating currents on monopolies reference ☐ Labour trumpets virtues of price stability ☐ Peddling harder on savings

National's power switch

☐ IF THE ability to admit one was wrong is a sign of greatness, then John Baker at National Power is a great man indeed. Two months ago, he deemed a monopolies reference inevitable for any bid by a generator for a regional electricity distributor. Now he has launched one himself, and is claiming no such reference is needed.

Mr Baker was talking about ScottishPower's hostile offer for Manweb, and at the time dismissed suggestions that National Power might itself bid for another of the Recs. His change of heart has come because he thought such a bid, and a re-establishment of the vertical integration between distribution and generation that was explicitly dismantled at the time of privatisation, would never be countenanced by the competition authorities.

Since then, not only have electricity bids multiplied, but the boundaries of what is deemed permissible have also been pushed back by PowerGen's agreed deal with Midlands. There has always been an unofficial corporate rivalry between the two quoted generators, the smaller PowerGen painting itself the hare to National Power's tortoise. The latter has therefore been pushed into its offer by the actions of its rival as much as by the fast-diminishing number of bid candidates. But the company's hurried move runs the risk of frustrating both its own offer and that of PowerGen, by increasing the chances of a reference.

The Government's policy of competition within the power industry has been subjected to attack by a rapidly thickening wedge. The first few bids were fairly anodyne. Trafalgar House, basing its sums on extensive tax benefits, may not have done much for the Exchequer, but its offer had few implications for competition. Likewise, Hanson, and various American utilities, merely involved a transfer of the licence to a different owner.

The kicker was ScottishPower for Manweb, the first bid from inside the industry. Once this was cleared, the question was not, should the industry be restructured, but to what extent would this happen before the authorities stepped in? All logic suggests that a generator-distributor merger should be way the other side of any new limits on restructuring. National Power, like PowerGen, is willing to make the necessary promises about ring-fencing the different businesses and not allowing power to be sold direct from one to the other. But it is unclear how easily these undertakings can be policed, while it was in order to protect consumers from such cross-subsidy that the two activities were split out of the old CEGB in the first place. These are the sort of questions that the Monopolies Commission was created to debate.

Brown's fine line on inflation

☐ THE fight against inflation is now a Labour campaign, because Labour's natural supporters, those on low incomes, fixed incomes and pensioner incomes, are those who suffer most from rising prices.

Gordon Brown's message yesterday was in reality projected at a pin-stripe suited audience far from Brighton. But by invoking society's more vulnerable members as the main victims of inflation, he neatly sold the line of macroeconomic austerity and fiscal responsibility to the equally sceptical audience in attendance there. Moreover, a populist attack on the utility fat cats provided the best line of the speech. Power corrupts, he said, but National Power corrupts absolutely.

Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities of some £2.5-£3 billion is a free gift politically. It is cost-free in terms of the public sector borrowing requirement and therefore does not send alarm bells ringing in the City. Yesterday Mr Brown told the world where the money would go — on eradicating youth unemployment, with £1 billion spent in the first year, £400 million in the second and so on. Labour believes that the scheme would virtually finance itself after five years. Be reassured: the utility tax is definitely a one-off.

While Labour's estimates are inevitably highly speculative, private government pilot studies show the potential of schemes that provide bridges out of benefit dependency into work, whether through subsidised jobs or increased training. What Mr Brown did yesterday was to use the political windfall of public disapproval of the utilities to offer a fairly traditional Labour programme to promote employment. With opinion polls citing unemployment and job insecurity as major electoral concerns, that seems sensible politics. With the money coming from companies the City says can afford to pay, the economics would seem feasible too.

Virtual gamble

☐ THE National Lottery has been blamed for any number of social ills — job losses among bookmakers, worthy charities left starved of cash — so it was refreshing not to hear the same old excuse being wheeled out by HM Treasury to account for slackening interest in National Savings certificates.

Angela Knight also refrained from linking last week's disastrous gilts auction with the latest blitz on small savers, which has instead been planned for months. That the lottery has had an effect on National Savings is undeniable, and explicitly accepted by the pre-emptive strike in December 1993 that raised the monthly jackpot on premium bonds to £1 million. This made the premium bond an acceptable alternative in some households to the lottery, one that allowed the punter to keep the stake money. Premium bond sales have risen, at the expense of savings certificates, and hence the arrival of Virtual Shops, which allow the range of products available to be updated rapidly.

By a strange irony, the launch coincided with the first day of trading for the new Littlewoods scratch card — heavily promoted in those same Post Offices that have been the traditional outlet for National Savings.

Age-old pensions

☐ THE idea that employers and employees should spread the risks and rewards of pensions more evenly, as floated at the CBI pensions conference, is not going to be popular in both camps. But it carries one advantage for middle-ranking, middle-aged executives in fear for their jobs. Under existing arrangements, they have always been the cheapest to move out of the door. A revamped final salary scheme, as envisaged, by contrast would provide employers with an economic justification for a return to last in, first out.

City storm follows profits warning from First Choice

By Marianne Curphey

FIRST CHOICE, the UK's third largest tour operator, has announced a two-for-five rights issue to fund the acquisition of two travel companies. It also gave warning that full-year pre-tax profits would be £15 million lower, at about £1 million, after "the toughest summer season on record".

Francis Baron, chief executive, said that bookings for August, normally the most profitable month for travel companies, had "fallen through the floor" because of the heatwave in Britain. First Choice made £14 million less than anticipated that month because of the need for heavy discounting, he said.

The profits warning angered many in the City who accused First Choice of failing to come clean about its collapse in bookings, after Airtours, its rival, had issued a profits warning early in July.

One analyst said: "Management have not done their reputation any favours by springing this upon us." The shares fell 18p, to 70p.

First Choice, formerly Owners Abroad, underwent a £7.7 million rebranding and marketing campaign last year. Mr Baron said that the group would be spending at least £8 million less on marketing for next year.



Baron: long, hot summer

The £44.1 million raised from the rights issue will enable the group to buy Skibound, the leading operator in the UK schools and group ski market for about £23 million, and to acquire JWT Holidays in the Republic of Ireland for Ir£5.3 million.

The Skibound deal will proceed only if shareholders approve the rights issue, while the JWT acquisition is not conditional on such approval. An extraordinary meeting has been called for October 25.

First Choice also plans to increase its holding in Fiesta West, its Canadian subsidiary, from 50 to 100 per cent, for C$18 million (£8.7 million). The rights issue will also pay for the refinancing of one Boeing 757 aircraft by way of a sale and operating leaseback.

Wayne Sanderson, a leisure analyst at Smith New Court who had estimated full-year pre-tax profits of about £23 million (£16.3 million) before today's announcement, said that the acquisitions looked "sensible and fairly priced".

Mr Baron said bookings for this winter were 44 per cent greater than those at the same time last year. Early demand for next summer was also strong, with bookings up 10 per cent on the year.

More than 78 million new ordinary shares will be issued at 60p a share, and 153 new ordinary shares for every 250 convertible preference shares held on October 18. The ordinary shares will be entitled to the final dividend of 2.45p for the year to October 31.

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Expansion suits Moss Bros as figures cut a dash

By Patricia Tehan

MOSS BROS'S continued expansion of its menswear business has paid off. The group's pre-tax profits soared 67 per cent to £3.21 million in the six months to July 29.

Rowland Gee, managing director, said Moss Bros had doubled its market share in the last five years to 8 per cent — after Marks & Spencer with 15 per cent and Burtons with 12 per cent. He said: "It is our objective to double it again in the next five years."

Moss Bros, whose divisions include Cecil Gee, Savoy Taylors Guild and The Suit Company, achieved its profits growth on turnover up 20 per cent at £36.07 million. With earnings per share up 66 per cent to 12.63p, the interim dividend has been increased by 67 per cent to 5p, due November 7.

Mr Gee said that by focusing on menswear, Moss Bros had been able to build up "the best team in British menswear". The company had "the culture where ideas can be developed, discussed and implemented".

Moss Bros has 115 shops and plans to open a further 10 in the second half of the year, with a total of 150 projected by the end of 1997.

Mr Gee said that despite the strong £15.3 million cash position Moss Bros did not favour a share buyback. "Our philosophy is to invest aggressively in our current business."

In a low inflation environment the market remained challenging, he said. In response, the company was reviewing its sources of supply and seeking to increase its market share.

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Manweb

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Manweb's response to ScottishPower's final offer

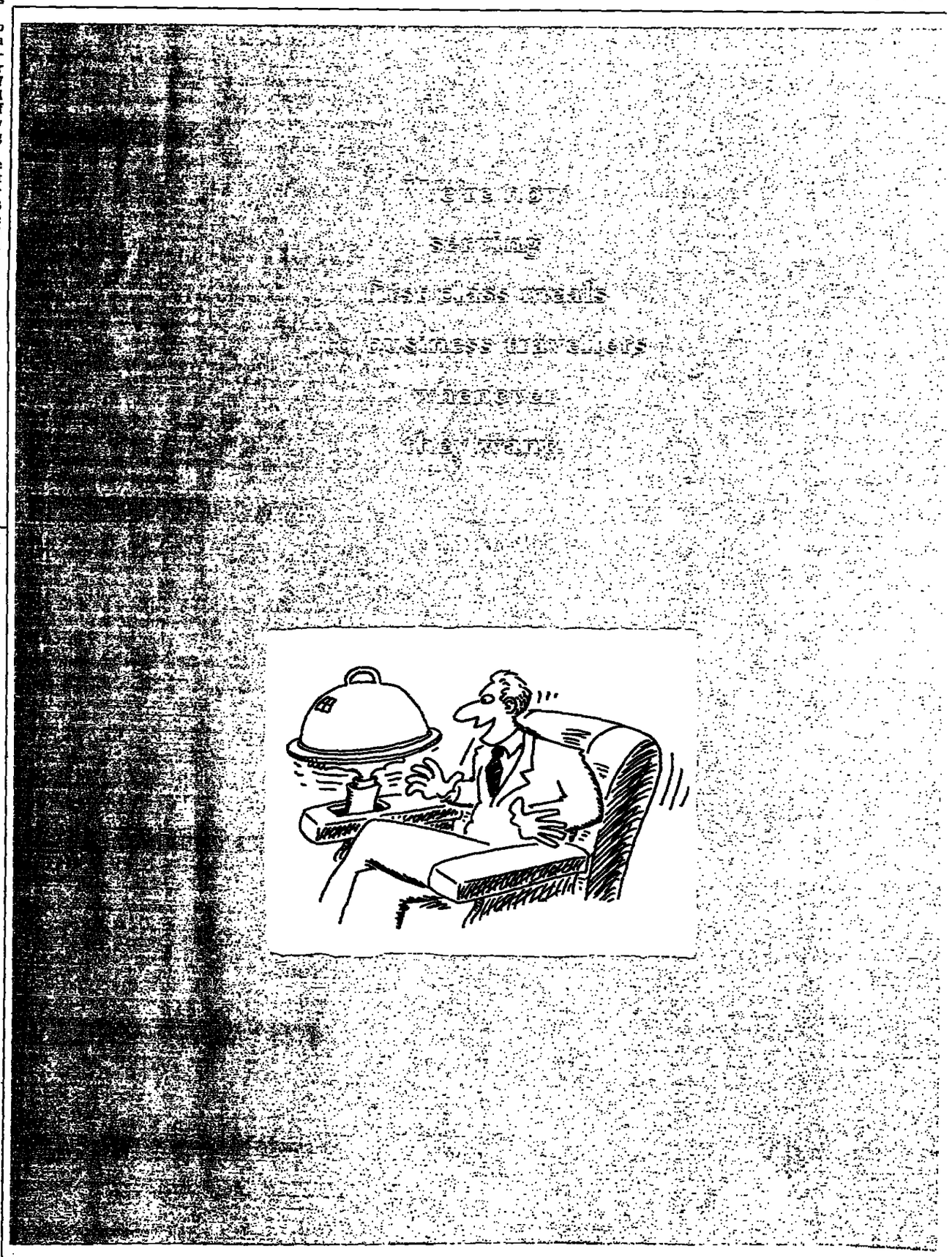
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STOCK MARKET  CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

Investors plug in to Recs as Southern leads the way

EXCITEMENT in the electricity sector and buying in the futures market lifted trading that began the day subdued by gathering downbeat news over the economy.

While the agreed bid by National Power for Southern Electric sparked the sector at the start of trading, more fundamental malaise had poured on to an already lacklustre market from the purchasing managers' index.

The survey, which reached its lowest point for nearly three years, showed that companies were meeting their orders from existing stocks rather than from fresh production, suggesting that demand is weak and that further periods of slack production loom. But the afternoon session responded to buying activity in futures. Interest in the derivatives market sent investors largely to utilities and pharmaceuticals.

In New York, a moderate rebound staged by the Dow Jones industrial average proved a little too mild to stimulate much action this side of the Atlantic.

The FT-SE closed at 3,520.2, up 12 points on the day after the index had fallen back in early trading.

The 3,500 mark is proving a strong resilience line, with marketmakers predicting it will hold tight and should enable the index to climb to 3,555 in the short term. Volume was modest at 586.9 million shares.

Shares in **Southern Electric** surged 69p to 966p after National Power made an agreed £10.10 per share bid, valuing the regional electricity company at £2.8 billion.

More than 25 million shares in Southern were traded although the price hit its peak early in the session, the move by National Power having been heavily signalled over the weekend.

The share price of the generator, which also announced plant sales worth more than £1 billion, tumbled 12½p to 503½p, slightly clouded by fears that the bid could be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Elsewhere in the sector, **London Electricity** was also swept up in strong bid speculation and added 55p to 920p with 1.2 million shares changing hands. **Yorkshire Electric** rose 10p to 891p, while **Midlands Electricity**, the subject of a £1.95 billion agreed bid from PowerGen, fell 10p to 965p. PowerGen added 1p to 560p. In water utilities, where the market is strongly tipping the bid by Lyonnaise des Eaux for Northumbrian Water to be allowed to progress, **Northumbrian** jumped 18p to £10.13. **Anglian Water** added 20p to 589p, while **South West Water** moved ahead 22p to 536p and **Thames** gained 15p to 549p.



Power shares surged after National Power's bid for Southern

Biotechnology stocks had a buoyant session. Chiroscience shares were 13p higher at 310p on the news that it felt no need to ask the market for cash. Proteus added 27p to 119p after deals worth more than $50 million in the US and British Biotech is still benefiting from a venture with Glaxo Wellcome, adding 43p to 908p.

First Choice fell 18p to 70p as it warned that the poor state of the holiday market would slice a substantial amount from expectations of full-year pre-tax profits and made a £44 million cash call to fund new buys. Analysts were generally surprised at the sudden warning and by its severity.

Vodafone failed to stem fully increasingly voiced fears over competition in its market place despite reporting a 21 per cent rise in third quarter connections. As concern persisted over overseas rivals, the shares slipped 4p to 261½p.

Lynx, the computer software company, eased 1p to 51p after announcing a £22 million agreed bid for Vistec, a computer services company. The bid-for company gained ½p to 16p. **BSkyB** continued its recent strong run, spurred by its inclusion in the FT-SE index on enthusiasm that new technology will boost its sports coverage and that it could show all Premiership football matches. The shares hit an all-time high of 396p, moving up 14p on the day.

Manchester United enjoyed a burst of interest ahead of its results today and gained 5p to 211p. And fresh from success on the football field with Tottenham Hotspur's figures last week, the market is looking for Alan Sugar to pull creditable results from **Amstrad** on Thursday when his computer company reports. The shares moved up 6½p to 251p.

Moss Bros, the specialist menswear retailer and clothing hire group, added 7p to 570p after strong half-year profits from the specialist in formal wear outshone many recent reports from the clothing retail sector.

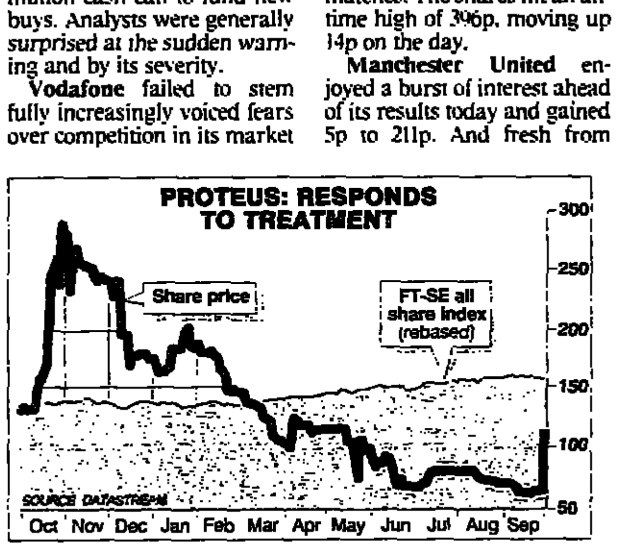
There was some strengthening in **Cable and Wireless** as Lord Young, the chairman, quashed anticipation that the telecoms group would move to demerge any of its operations. C&W advanced 5p to 422p.

Sun Alliance went against the generally susceptible insurance sector and gained ½p to 359p. **Zeneca**, the doyen of bid target excitement, benefited from a general interest in pharmacueticals stimulated by recent consolidation moves by the larger players and link-up development deals with biotech companies. It added 30p to £11.75 with 1.18 million shares being traded.

Dealers said that Zeneca had also benefited from a short squeeze, with traders having concentrated on the other main pharmaceutical stocks recently, and that its price was marked up accordingly. **SmithKline Beecham**, which announced it had received market clearance in the US for a drug for testosterone replacement therapy, added 4p to 644p, while **Glaxo Wellcome**, which is ex-dividend, improved 1p to 768p.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: There was some encouragement taken from the economic pointers to slow growth. The shorter end of the yield curve strengthened, while the longer end attracted less interest. However, the activity was muted and dealers said that the market was still reeling from last week's poor performance in the Government's gilt auction. The shorter eight to 13-year gilt moved up 11 ticks to £97.20.

□ **NEW YORK**: Shares, trading on the first day of the last quarter of 1995, were lower at midday as efforts to break into positive territory ran aground despite a rally in bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average was 16.26 points down at 4,772.82. Declining shares led advances about 11 to nine.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4772.82 (-16.26)
S&P Composite	563.44 (-0.97)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	17739.84 (-173.25)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9724.98 (+78.64)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	465.12 (-1.14)
Sydney:	
AO	2137.7 (+2.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2205.02 (+17.98)
Singapore:	
Straits	2120.19 (+0.16)
Brussels:	
General	7881.02 (+9.37)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1780.71 (-7.64)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	696.00 (+5.60)
London:	
FT 30	2607.5 (+6.0)
FT 100	3520.2 (+12.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3958.9 (+10.1)
FT-SE-A 350	1759.9 (+5.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1423.05 (+10.18)
FT A All-Share	1738.89 (+5.16)
FT Non Financials	1860.76 (+5.60)
FT Fixed Interest	111.52 (-0.02)
FT Govt Secs	93.25 (+0.25)
Bargains	29464
SEAQ Volume	639.2m
USM (Datastrm)	177.51 (-0.48)
US$	1.5885 (+0.0055)
German Mark	2.2696 (-0.0149)
Exchange Index	85.2 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
ECU	1.2071
£SDR	1.0489
RPI	149.9 Aug (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	148.6 Aug (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	67	...
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
Hay & Robertson	40	+4
Inner Workings	73	...
Mayflower (65)	87	+½
Media Business	3¼	..
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	101	
Omnicare	96	+1
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet Brit (100)	102	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	..
Sat Sys (125)	126	...
Unl Salvage (149)	178	..
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Barcom n/p (..)	n/a	...
Bridon n/p (..)	n/a	...
Close Bros n/p (..)	n/a	...
Johnsn Mat n/p (..)	n/a	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Forward Tech	83p (+7p)
Cortecs	110p (+9p)
Hardy O & G	186p (+12p)
Chiroscience	310p (+13p)
Brit Biotech	908p (+43p)
Forward Gp	563p (+25p)
London Clubs	414p (+12p)
LBMS	374p (+10p)
Kwik Save	673p (+17p)
Azlan Gp	345p (-8p)
P & O	488p (+10p)
Boots	578p (-11p)
Dixons Grp	353p (+7p)
FALLS:	
First Choice	70p (-18p)
Rolfe & Nolan	279p (-14p)
Filtronic Com	464p (-17p)
Carpetright	355p (-13p)
Scotia	619p (-17p)
Unipalm	417p (-11p)
Sillam	115p (-8p)
Blenheim Gp	224p (-7p)
Kenwood App	243p (-7p)
Huntigh Tec	803p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

A difficult choice

STEP back from all the acquisitions, buy-ins and aircraft financing deals announced yesterday by First Choice and you are left with the unpleasant suspicion that the company would have needed a rights issue if none of these things had happened.

The company hints darkly about current and future capital and regulatory requirements, and points to the need for additional balance sheet strength after last summer's disastrous trading.

It is unclear why investors had to wait until yesterday for news of the financial consequences of the feverish discounting of unsold holidays in August. Package tour operators make the bulk of their profits in July and August and First Choice must have know the extent of the damage as it shredded the price of the last remaining week in Marbella. In the event, the result is worse than even the most bearish were predicting. Exclude the exceptional gains from writing back aircraft provisions and First Choice is forecasting a substantial loss.

Yesterday's deals look good value and are a step further down the long road to redressing the company's summer trading bias. However, shareholders are no wiser in predicting the outcome for 1996. First Choice admits the outlook is tough and the difference between a substantial profit or a loss next year could lie in a wet or dry summer.

Investors willing to bet on rain or a bid may believe the rights are worth a flutter but Thomas Cook is opting out and Airtours has its hands full. The rights will restore the company's financial cushion but another rotten year could see it disappear again.

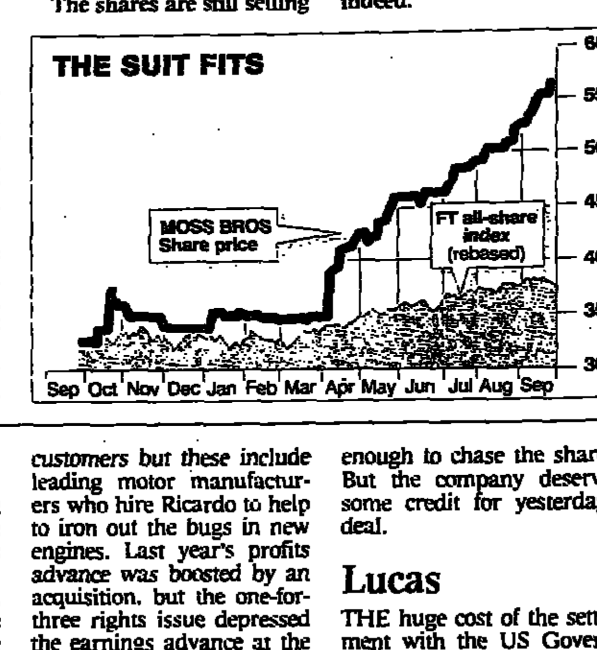
Moss Bros

MOSS BROS gave some reasons yesterday for the astonishing rise in value of its shares; they have risen 68 per cent since January. In effect, the company has managed to achieve two years of profits growth in a single year, while at the same time stepping up expansion with an aggressive store-opening programme.

The company attributes its growth to strong demand for mens' suits in what has been mixed market conditions for the rest of the rag trade. However, behind the 20 per cent surge in sales, there are clear market share gains and interesting question is whether the company's rapid expansion means it is taking some sales from leading suit retailers, such as M&S.

Such a rate of expansion — Moss Bros is opening ten stores in the second half after seven openings in the first six months — might give grounds for concern. However, profits suggest working capital is under control and that the business is generating cash. Moss Bros investors can draw comfort from knowledge that these are not paper profits.

The shares are still selling on a multiple of 14.5 times, below the sector average of around 15. After such growth, it would be logical to expect profit-taking in the short term but the Moss Bros machine has more to produce, and when the high street becomes fashionable again, Moss Bros could be shifting suits very quickly indeed.



Ricardo

ONE of the more interesting questions in the automotive sector is why Ricardo shares are such poor performers. After a solid boost to profits, they did not move and are currently not far from where they stood a year ago.

Such a performance would suggest a drifting company with a poor outlook for its products, but while Ricardo has its problems — an exposure to the aerospace and nuclear industries — the company is seeing an improvement in orders from the Continent, and yesterday's deal reinforces the company's expertise in engine test cells.

Ricardo's problem is that it is closely linked to the development process of the automotive industry — a cycle that is not linked to car volumes but has everything to do with research and development expenditure by motor manufacturers. The company will not reveal its customers but these include leading motor manufacturers who hire Ricardo to help to iron out the bugs in new engines. Last year's profits advance was boosted by an acquisition, but the one-for-three rights issue depressed the earnings advance at the per share level.

Ricardo has been a disappointment in the past, mainly because of its merger with SAC, which brought with it the link to the aerospace and nuclear sectors. Management installed in 1992 has been bringing a more commercial approach to a research-based business but the market is still unimpressed. Hopes for a bid for Ricardo — the company fended off an offer in 1989 — are probably misplaced. A people business, Ricardo depends on maintaining its customer relationships, and an automotive manfacturer would bring conflicts of interest. The market is expecting just over £7 million of profit in the current year, not enough to chase the shares. But the company deserves some credit for yesterday's deal.

Lucas

THE huge cost of the settlement with the US Government can be interpreted in a number of ways, but what is clear is that Lucas was desperate to cut a continuing cash drain in fines and legal expenses. Behind the further exceptional charge of £55 million is some recognition that Lucas stood to lose a lot and gain little by handing over ajudication to an American jury — tantamount to asking the taxpayer to set the damages.

More important to Lucas will be the need to restore its right to bid for defence contracts. The heavy provision closes the book on the past and next week the company should have reasonable good news on the future.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	985-983	Mar	1010-1008
Mar	917-915	May	1026-1025
May	931-930	Jul	unq
Jul	950-949	Sep	-
Sep	968-967		
Dec	989-986		Volume 7091

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2375-2370	Jul	2100-2090
Jan	2255-2255	Sep	2075-2065
Mar	2192-2191	Nov	2045-2025
May	2140-2135		Volume 3930

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	307.6-05.7
Spot: 371.5		Oct	281.1-79.2
Dec	332.3-31.0	Dec	279.0-76.2
Mar	315.5-14.5	Mar	277.5-73.8
May	310.7-09.0		Volume 947

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	95.34	102.10	125.02
[illegible]	-2.47	-1.75	-2.91
Eng/Wales	95.34	101.96	128.56
[illegible]	-2.47	-2.29	-2.59
[illegible]	-47.0	-9.0	n/c
Scotland	unq	102.96	123.77
[illegible]	-	+0.94	-0.74
[illegible]	...	-1.0	-46.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.55	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.20	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.05	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.65	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.35	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B 173 (-3)	O 175 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	151 (-2)	152 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	151 (-2)	151 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (-2)	153 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	95 (-1)	96 (n/c)
Naphtha	151 (-3)	154 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	149.00-49.25	Jan	150.00-50.25
Nov	149.75-50.00	Feb	149.25-49.50
Dec	150.00-50.25		Vol 25197

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.21-16.22	Feb	15.90-15.84
Dec	16.00-16.02	Mar	15.74 BID
Jan	15.89-15.90		Vol 26570

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	114.70	Nov	107.55
Jan	116.85	Jan	110.50
Mar	119.55	Mar	112.50
May	120.80	May	115.00
Jul	127.50	Jul	102.50
Volume 453		Volume 36	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	257.0	267.0
May	unq	290.0
Jun		90.5
		Volume 46

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 89.75-90.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1850	1830	1836
Nov 95	1960	1845	1858
Dec 95	1920	1910	1920
Jan 96	1765	1725	1764
Vol: 106 lots		Open interest: 3255	
	Index: 1997 -23		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2626.0-2627.0	3mth: 2594.0-2595.0	Vol: 1301475
Lead ($/tonne)	602.50-603.00	616.50-617.00	169575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.0-1006.5	1028.0-1028.5	465910
Tin ($/tonne)	6360.0-6370.0	6390.0-6400.0	25775
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1758.0-1759.5	1791.5-1792.0	1419073
Nickel ($/tonne)	8160.0-8165.0	8275.0-8280.0	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Dom	500	39½	46	56	0	9½	14
[illegible]	550	4	15	27	12½	30	36
Argyll	330	10	20	24	4	13	17
[illegible]	360	0	8	15	25	32	35
ASDA	100	6	10	12	1	3	5
[illegible]	110	2	5	7	6	9	10
Boots	550	20	41	54	1	9	14
[illegible]	600	2	15	27	23	34	38
Br Airways	420	33	42	52	0	7	10
[illegible]	460	5	18	29	13	23	27
[illegible]	460	18	29	35	2	9	15
[illegible]	500	1	9	16	25	31	36
[illegible]	160	5	10	15	2	8	10
[illegible]	200	0	3	7	17	21	22
[illegible]	420	10	26	37	5	14	24
[illegible]	460	0	11	21	36	44	48
[illegible]	550	42	58	66	0	9	17
[illegible]	600	7	27	38	15	26	40
[illegible]	800	18	43	55	7	23	35
[illegible]	850	1	19	31	42	50	63
[illegible]	500	12	30	42	8	21	31
[illegible]	550	0	10	20	47	52	60
Land Sec	600	20	33	45	2	11	17
[illegible]	650	0	10	20	33	41	45
M & S	420	19	26	36	1	9	16
[illegible]	460	0	7	16	20	32	35
Nat West	600	29	49	57	2	14	26
[illegible]	650	4	22	30	27	36	52
Sainsbury	420	18	29	37	1	5	10
[illegible]	460	1	10	17	29	30	31
Shell	700	45	61	77	0	3	9
[illegible]	750	6	25	36	11	18	30
Stand Bch	600	46	60	71	0	9	15
[illegible]	650	9	29	41	14	28	34
[illegible]	240	15	20	32	0	5	6
[illegible]	260	5	14	20	9	12	16
Trafalgar	25	3	5	7	0	4	5
[illegible]	30	0	3	5	3	7	8
Unilever	1250	22	57	71	8	25	40
[illegible]	1300	3	26	45	40	53	67
Zeneca	1150	42	86	109	12	35	50
[illegible]	1200	17	60	82	37	62	82

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grand Met	420	30	37	45	4	16	21
[illegible]	460	7	19	26	24	37	42
Ladbroke	160	13	19	21	1	4	6
[illegible]	180	2	6	11	11	13	16
Utd Bisc	260	21	30	35	4	4	11
[illegible]	280	5	15	24	11	16	21

Oct 2, 1995 Tot: 31155 Call: 9552 Put: 21603 FT-SE Call: 1676 Put: 12874
Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	6	24	34	6	17	21
[illegible]	550	0	6	14	48	51	53
Thames W	500	50	54	69	0	7	11
[illegible]	550	10	26	39	10	26	30

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	36	52	57	4	12	20
[illegible]	550	8	24	31	26	34	45
BTR	300	31	36	41	0	3	6
[illegible]	330	9	19	21	7	12	17
Br Aero	700	54	75	89	8	21	29
[illegible]	750	26	47	59	29	42	52
Br Telcm	390	16	21	27	5	12	15
[illegible]	420	4	9	13	24	31	33
Cadbury	460	30	43	47	3	9	15
[illegible]	500	5	20	25	20	27	35
Guinness	500	23	39	45	5	12	19
[illegible]	550	3	15	20	28	37	46
GEC	300	20	30	32	1	5	8
[illegible]	330	3	10	16	14	19	22
Hanson	191	15	18	-	1	3	-
[illegible]	211	3	7	-	9	14	-
LASMO	160	10	16	18	3	6	8
[illegible]	180	2	7	9	15	17	19
Lucas	190	16	20	24	3	7	9
[illegible]	200	4	10	14	17	17	19
Pilkington	180	21	25	30	1	4	5
[illegible]	200	7	13	17	7	11	13
Prudential	360	24	35	40	4	10	15
[illegible]	390	8	18	24	17	24	32
Redland	360	21	22	40	4	16	19
[illegible]	390	6	17	24	20	26	34
R-Royce	160	15	21	23	1	4	6
[illegible]	180	3	10	13	9	12	15
Tesco	300	27	34	36	2	6	11
[illegible]	330	4	13	17	15	21	25
Vodafone	260	11	18	24	4	14	7
[illegible]	280	4	10	15	21	25	26
Williams	330	9	19	23	7	11	15
[illegible]	360	0	7	10	30	31	35

FT-SE INDEX (*3519)

		3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls							
Oct		141	95	59	30	12	4
Nov		167	127	92	63	39	21
Dec		190	153	121	91	66	46
Jan		211	-	145	-	92	-
Jun		275	-	211	-	160	-
Puts							
Oct		7	12	24	46	82	130
Nov		21	31	47	69	97	134
Dec		35	48	66	87	114	147
Jan		48	-	82	-	121	-
Jun		97	-	131	-	178	-

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat	500	54	67	69	4	13	17
[illegible]	550	22	35	35	20	24	36
Amstrad	240	19	25	32	7	11	13
[illegible]	260	8	16	22	17	21	23
Barclays	750	31	49	57	23	39	46
[illegible]	800	11	26	36	55	69	75
Blue Circ	300	21	30	33	4	13	16
[illegible]	330	7	15	19	24	21	25
Br Gas	260	9	15	19	9	11	15
[illegible]	280	3	7	10	22	24	26
Dixons	330	31	35	46	5	12	14
[illegible]	360	14	22	30	14	25	27
Forte	240	14	20	22	6	9	13
[illegible]	260	6	10	13	15	20	23
Tarmac	90	9	11	13	6	8	11
[illegible]	100	3	7	7	12	15	17
Hillsdown	180	15	22	23	1	3	4
[illegible]	180	5	10	11	9	11	13
Lonrho	160	13	16	19	5	8	6
[illegible]	180	4	7	11	16	19	20
Scars	110	5	7	9	5	6	7
[illegible]	120	2	3	4	12	12	14
Thm Emi	1450	50	109	145	28	41	44
[illegible]	1500	53	85	116	51	64	65
Tomkins	240	19	25	31	4	8	10
[illegible]	260	9	14	20	15	17	19
TSB	260	25	31	35	4	10	12
[illegible]	280	13	20	25	12	19	21

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Wel	750	23	48	60	5	18	30
[illegible]	800	3	23	36	34	44	56
HSBC	900	24	59	79	15	36	59
[illegible]	950	6	37	51	47	64	87
Reuter	550	15	29	44	9	19	29
[illegible]	600	1	14	26	45	49	57

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal Ins	330	27	30	45	0	7	18
[illegible]	360	7	17	28	6	10	29

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	240	19	23	25	2	3	4
[illegible]	260	7	10	12	6	10	11

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	26	30	35	1	1	1
[illegible]	1000	1	0	0	27	31	32

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	500	21	31	40	16	21	27
[illegible]	550	4	12	15	50	52	57
Scot Pwr	330	29	34	40	3	9	10
[illegible]	360	11	18	23	16	23	23

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3541.0	3559.0	3522.0	3558.0	7714
Previous open interest: 65650	Mar 96				3591.0	0
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3985.0	0
Previous open interest: 3575	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.42	93.46	93.42	93.45	14773
Previous open interest: 325669	Mar 96	93.52	93.55	93.49	93.53	12216
	Jun 96	93.44	93.50	93.43	93.48	9452
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.21	0
Previous open interest: 11	Mar 96				94.37	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.05	96.06	96.02	96.04	11048
Previous open interest: 125954	Mar 96	96.10	96.11	96.09	96.10	12090
Long Gilt	Dec 95	105-19	106-02	105-13	106-00	46552
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96				105-17	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.65	121.75	121.60	121.70	2252
	Mar 96	120.64	120.67	120.64	120.64	121
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.42	95.66	95.41	95.62	102460
Previous open interest: 197212	Mar 96	95.00	95.00	94.90	95.05	84
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.36	94.39	94.36	94.39	869
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 96	94.45	94.45	94.45	94.47	300
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.60	97.64	97.57	97.62	2561
Previous open interest: 44757	Mar 96	97.61	97.65	97.58	97.64	1559
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	101.30	102.17	101.07	101.41	43445
Previous open interest: 43522	Mar 96				100.91	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O'night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]; Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible]					
Local Authority Deps:	6[illegible]	n/a	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.90	n/a	5.90	5.80	5.60
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $[illegible] Close: $382.40-382.90 High: $383.15-383.65
Low: $[illegible] AM: $383.10 PM: $383.25

Krugerrand: $[illegible] (£24[illegible]-243.00)

Platinum: $420.75 (£265.[illegible]) Silver: $5.34 (£3.39) Palladium: $141.50 (£89.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5380-2.5462	2.5440-2.5472	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	[illegible]-46.95	46.75-46.85	14-7pr	33-20pr
Copenhagen	[illegible]	8.8070-8.8220	1-[illegible]pr	2[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9771-0.9915	0.9790-0.9915	9-6pr	20-15pr
Frankfurt	2.2596-2.2759	2.2718-2.2751	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	236.49-238.17	237.53-238.17	40-55ds	145-163ds
Madrid	195.84-196.19	195.90-196.19	42-54ds	131-154ds
Milan	2547.60-2568.3	2564.2-2569.3	7-10ds	24-27ds
Montreal	2.1162-2.1321	2.1297-2.1321	0.15-0.03pr	0.20-0.06pr
New York	1.5750-1.5918	1.5903-1.5915	0.12-0.10pr	0.32-0.27pr
Oslo	9.9100-9.9400	9.9750-9.9400	1[illegible]pr	3[illegible]pr
Paris	7.7410-7.8560	7.8420-7.8560	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.9610-11.099	11.065-11.099	1[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	156.07-160.39	160.14-160.39	1-[illegible]pr	2[illegible]pr
Vienna	15.940-16.016	15.949-16.016	4-3[illegible]pr	11[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.8250-1.8316	1.8291-1.8309	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3119-1.3128
Austria	10.00-10.07
Belgium (Com)	29.40-29.42
Canada	1.3380-1.3365
Denmark	5.5445-5.5475
France	4.9330-4.9350
Germany	1.4314-1.4317
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.6210-1.6220
Italy	1609.50-1610.50
Japan	100.50-100.55
Malaysia	2.5230-2.5240
Netherlands	1.6026-1.6036
Norway	6.2805-6.2835
Portugal	149.70-149.80
Singapore	1.4316-1.4326
Spain	123.39-123.44
Sweden	6.9448-6.9548
Switzerland	1.1520-1.1530

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5870-1.5896
Australia dollar	2.0828-2.0855
Bahrain dinar	0.5890-0.6000
Brazil real*	1.5039-1.5080
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7025-0.7125
Finland markka	6.6925-6.8085
Greece drachma	363.75-370.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2714-12.2808
India rupee	52.57-53.83
Indonesia rupiah	3538.0-3606.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4665-0.4765
Malaysia ringgit	4.0045-4.0086
New Zealand dollar	2.4106-2.4132
Pakistan rupee	50.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6750-5.7990
Singapore dollar	2.2728-2.2751
S Africa rand (com)	5.6940-5.7960
U A E dirham	5.7250-5.8490

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	221	Land Secs	203
ASDA Gp	2,600	Legal & Gn	1,400
Abbey Ntl	1,200	Lloyds Bk	1,000
Allied Dom	454	Marks Spr	1,400
Argyll Gp	1,600	Mid Elec	526
Arjo Wggns	301	NatWst Bk	2,000
AB Foods	75	Nat Power	4,000
BAA	1,300	NW Water	1,900
BAT Inds	1,300	P & O	1,100
BOC	625	Pearson	891
BP	2,200	PowerGen	2,000
BSkyB	4,000	Prudential	3,400
BTR	5,200	REXAM	317
BT	2,500	RMC	434
Bk of Scot	2,600	RTZ	2,400
Barclays	1,200	Rank Org	769
Bass	2,100	Reckitt Col	105
Blue Circle	760	Redland	771
Boots	1,600	Reed Intl	349
BAe	2,800	Rentokil	909
BA	838	Reuters	1,300
Brit Gas	2,900	Rolls Royce	1,500
Brit Steel	2,400	Royal Ins	842
Burmah Cstl	168	Ryl Bk Scot	979
Cable Wire	3,600	Sainsbury	2,600
Cadbury	1,200	Schroders	11
Carlton Cms	76	Scot & New	1,900
Cm Union	766	Scot Power	950
Cookson	1,700	Sears	3,000
Courtaulds	95	Svrn Trent	1,300
De La Rue	37	Shell Trans	2,100
Enterpr Oil	159	Siebe	293
Fisons	1,300	SmKl Bch	3,200
Forte	2,400	Smith Nph	400
GKN	337	Sthern Elec	25,000
GRE	2,700	Std Chard	642
GUS	947	Sun Allnce	459
Gen Acc	101	TI Gp	775
Gen Elec	4,400	TSB	1,800
Glaxo Well	1,400	Tate & Lyle	650
Granada	1,800	Tesco	1,300
Grand Met	4,000	Thames W	974
Guinness	1,900	Thrn EMI	744
HSBC	2,700	Tomkins	717
Hanson	9,000	Unilever	474
ICI	334	Vodafone	6,400
Inchcape	448	Whitbread	908
Kingfisher	1,600	Wlims Hld	383
LASMO	2,200	Wolseley	553
Ladbroke	730	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

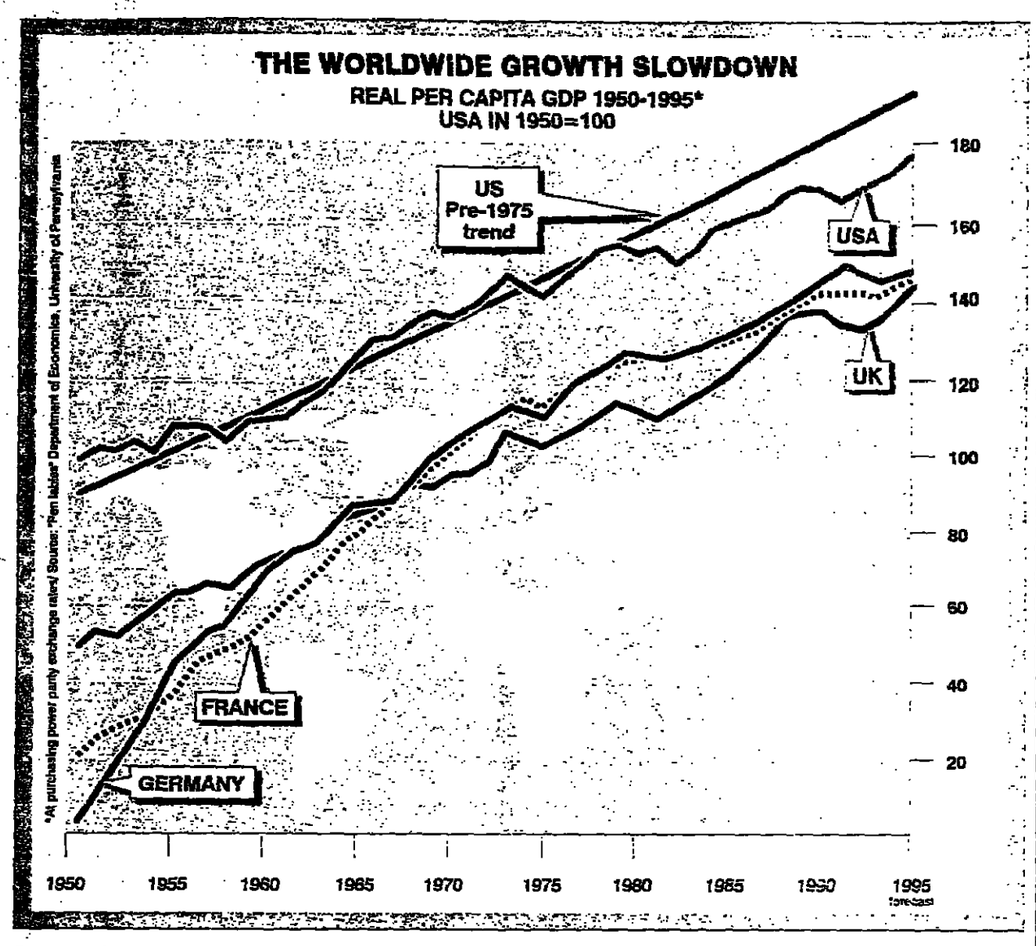
	Oct 2 midday	Sep 29 close
AMP Inc	38	38
AMR Corp	71	72
AT & T	65	65
Abbott Labs	42	42
Advanced Micro	29	29
Aetna Life	73	73
Ahmanson (HF)	25	25
Air Prod & Chem	52	52
Albertson's	33	34
Alcan Aluminm	32	32
Alco Standard	84	84
Allied Signal	44	44
Alum Co of Am	52	52
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	48	48
Amer Brands	42	42
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	44	44
Amer Genl Corp	37	37
Amer Home Pr	85	84
Amer Intl	84	85
Amer Stores	29	28
Ameritech	51	52
Amoco	64	64
Anheuser-Busch	63	62
Apple Computer	38	37
Archer Daniels	15	15
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	55	55
Asarco	31	31
Ashland Oil	33	33
Atl Richfield	106	107
Auto Data Pro	69	68
Avery Dennison	42	42
Avon Products	71	71
Baker Hughes	20	20
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	36	36
BankAmerica	59	59
Bank of NY	46	46
Bankers Tr NY	69	70
Barnett Banks	56	56
Bausch & Lomb	41	41
Baxter Intl	40	41
Becton Dickson	63	62
Bell Atlantic	61	61
Bell Industries	21	21
BellSouth	73	73
Black & Decker	34	34
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	67	68
Boise Cascade	40	40
Bristol Myrs Sq	72	72
Browning Ferris	30	30
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	73	72
CBS	80	79
CSA Financial	106	106
CPC Intl	66	66
CSX	84	84
Campbell Soup	50	50
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpcl Cities ABC	117	117
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	56	56
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	53	53
Chase Manhtn	61	61
Chemical Bk	61	60
Chevron Corp	48	48
Chrysler	52	53
Chubb Corp	95	96
Cigna Corp	107	104
Citicorp	71	70
Clorox	70	71
Coastal Corp	33	33
Coca Cola	68	69
Colgate-Palmolive	66	66
Columbia Gas	38	36
Compaq Comp	48	48
Comp Ass Int	41	42
Conagra	39	39
Conrail	69	68
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	40	40
Cooper Inds	35	35
Corning Inc	27	28
Crown Cork	39	38
Dana Corp	28	28
Dayton Hudson	75	75
Deere	81	81
Delta Air Lines	70	69
Deluxe Corp	33	33
Detroit Edison	32	32
Digital Equip	45	45
Dillard Dept St	32	31
Disney (Walt)	57	57
Dominion Res	37	37
Donnelley (RR)	39	39
Dover Corp	38	38
Dow Chemical	74	74
Dow Jones	37	36
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	43	43
Dun & Brdstreet	58	57
Du Pont	68	68
Eastman Kodak	59	59
Eaton Corp	52	53
Emerson Elec	71	71
Engelhard Corp	25	25

	Oct 2 midday	Sep 29 close
Enron Corp	34	33
Entergy	26	26
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	71	72
FMC Corp	76	76
FPL Group	40	40
Federal Express	83	83
Fed Nat Mtge	103	103
First Chicago	68	68
First Interstate	101	100
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	38	37
Fluor Corp	56	56
Ford Motor	30	31
GTE Corp	39	39
Gannett	54	54
Gap Inc Del	36	36
Gen Dynamics	55	54
Gen Electric	63	63
Gen Mills	56	55
Gen Motors	46	46
Gen Reinsurance	150	151
Gen Signal	29	29
Genuine Parts	40	40
Georgia Pac	87	87
Gillette	47	47
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24	24
Goodrich (BF)	64	65
Goodyear Tire	39	39
Grace (W&R)	66	66
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27	28
Great Wstn Fin	23	23
Halliburton	41	41
Harcourt General	41	41
Heinz (HJ)	45	45
Hercules	57	58
Hershey Foods	64	64
Hewlett Packard	83	83
Hilton Hotels	63	63
Home Depot	39	39
Homestake Mng	16	17
Honeywell	43	42
Household Intl	61	62
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	123	124
Illinois Tool	58	58
Illinova	27	27
INCO	34	34
Ingersoll Rand	37	37
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	60	60
IBM	95	94
Intl Flav & Fr	48	48
Intl Paper	41	42
James River Va	32	32
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	73	74
Kellogg	72	72
Kerr-McGee	56	55
Kimberly-Clark	67	67
Kmart	14	14
Knight-Ridder	58	58
Lilly (Eli)	89	89
Limited Inc	19	19
LIN Brdcstng	129	128
Lincoln Nat	47	47
Litton	43	43
Liz Claiborne	25	25
Lockheed Martin	66	67
Louisiana Pac	24	24
MCI Comm	26	26
Marriott Int	37	37
Marsh & McLnn	83	87
Masco Corp	27	27
May Dept St	43	43
Maytag Corp	17	17
McDonalds	38	38
McDonnell D	81	82
McGraw Hill	82	81
Mead Corp	58	59
Medtronic	57	53
Mellon Bk	45	45
Melville Corp	34	34
Merck Inc	57	56
Merrill Lynch	62	62
Microsoft	89	90
Minnesota Mine	56	56
Mobil Corp	99	99
Monsanto	100	100
Morgan (JP)	77	77
Motorola Inc	76	76
Natl Semi	27	27
Natl Service Ind	29	29
Navistar Int	12	12
NBD Bancorp	38	38
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	40	40
Niag Mohawk	13	13
Nike B	112	111
NL Industries	16	16
Noram Energy	7	7
Nordstrom	41	41
Norfolk Sthrn	75	74
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	32	32
Nynex Corp	47	47
Occidental Pet	21	22
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle	38	38
Oryx Energy Co	13	13

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Owens Corning	44	44
PPG Industries	46	46
PNC Bank	28	27
PP&L Res	23	23
Paccar Inc	46	46
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elec	29	29
Pac Telesis	30	30
Pall Corp	22	23
Panhandle East	27	27
Peco Energy	28	28
Penney (JC)	49	49
Pennzoil	43	43
Pepsico	50	51
Pfizer	53	53
Phelps Dodge	63	62
Philip Morris	83	83
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	39	39
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	77	77
Providian	41	41
Pub Serv E & G	29	29
Quaker Oats	32	33
Ralston Purina	57	57
Raychem Corp	45	45
Raytheon	85	85
Reebok Intl	34	34
Reynolds Metals	57	57
Roadway Srvcs	49	49
Rockwell Intl	47	47
Rohm & Haas	61	60
Royal Dutch	122	122
Rubbermaid	27	27
SBC Comms	54	55
Safeco Corp	65	65
St Paul's Cos	58	58
Salomon Inc	38	38
Sara Lee Corp	29	29
Scecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	52	51
Schlumberger	65	65
Scott Paper	48	48
Seagram	35	35
Sears Roebuck	35	36
Shell Trans	71	71
Sherwin Wlms	35	35
Stylline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	23	23
Sprint Corp	34	35
Stanley Works	43	43
Sun Company	25	25
Sun Microsys	63	63
Suntrust	66	66
Supervalu	29	29
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	74	74
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	60	60
Teledyne	27	27
Temple Inland	53	53
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	79	79
Texas Utilities	34	34
Textron	68	68
Time Warner	39	39
Times-Mirror A	29	28
Timken	42	42
Torchmark	42	42
Toys R Us	26	27
Transamerica	71	71
Travelers	53	53
Tribune	65	66
Tyco Labs	62	63
UST Inc	28	28
UAL	173	170
US Inds	15	15
USX Marathon	19	19
Unicom	30	30
Unilever NV	129	130
Union Camp	58	57
Union Carbide	40	39
Union Pacific	66	66
Unisys Corp	7	7
USAir Group	11	11
USF&G Corp	19	19
US Life	29	29
US West	47	47
United Tech	87	88
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	44	44
VF Corp	50	51
WMX Tech	29	28
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	97	95
Wells Fargo	188	185
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	46	45
Whirlpool	57	57
Whitman	20	20
Winn Dixie	59	59
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	50
Xerox	134	134
Yellow Corp	13	13

Growth is the best way to reduce social dislocation

In the second of two articles, **Robin Marris** gives solutions to 'low-ed' unemployment



Last week, in discussing the worldwide problem of an under-educated underclass, we saw that surprisingly strong theoretical arguments could be made to link unskilled unemployment with global free trade. This case, as rather dangerously popularised by Sir James Goldsmith, has been expounded with economic sophistication by Adrian Wood of the Institute for Development Studies in Brighton.

Some of Wood's critics disagree with his methods but his broad conclusion — that the structure of global trade has created a bias towards unskilled employment in the rich industrial countries — seems broadly consistent with both theory and experience. But Wood's theory is not the whole answer. There is, for example, a serious problem of timing, as pointed out by Robert Solow, the Nobel Prize-winning American economist. The troubles of the underclass began in the early 1970s, many years before the onset of the present phase of intense trade with developing countries. So trade is not a sufficient explanation on its own. The truth almost certainly lies in an interaction of causes.

As discussed last week, the worldwide slowdown in growth from 1975 was the event that coincided most closely with the start of troubles in the underclass. This slowdown is clearly visible in the chart, which shows how US growth in the past 20 years has fallen far below its pre-1975 trend, and how the leading European countries stopped catching up with US living standards from then. This coincidence suggests that slow growth, no doubt exacerbated by world trade patterns, was and still is the primary cause of mass unemployment.

Wood has suggested an interesting version of this view. "In the period from 1950 to 1975, the world experienced strong investment ... almost entirely within an economic enclave we now call the North. All classes in the North prospered, including low-eds. After 1975, Northern investors ... went into emerging markets. So we got the effects of a growth slowdown as part and parcel of the same process, which also produced my trade effects."

This is an intriguing perception, but it still seems to underplay the growth slowdown, by making it a secondary consequence of globalisation. I think that slowing growth had its own primary causes. It is now clear that the problem of the post-1975 period has not just been slow growth but very unstable growth. We also now know that there has been a permanent increase in the cost and risk of investment. The most obvious indicator is the long-term real interest rate.

In the golden age from 1950 to 1973 this averaged between 2 per cent and 3 per cent, which was also the typical figure during the previous hundred years. Since the late 1970s, however, real interest rates have typically been twice as high. Nobody seems to have an adequate explanation of why real interest rates are still double the healthy norm, 20 years after the first oil shock and the great world inflation. But is it not possible that what went up could be made to come down? The trouble began with the monetary reaction to oil-shocks inflation and then continued into the late 1980s. From there, I believe, the bad weather has been maintained by the globalisation of financial markets, which has helped to destabilise bond prices. Governments have then piled Pelion on Ossa by using interest rates for demand management. Short-term bond fluctuations, by increasing risk, have pushed real long-term interest rates up.

In sum, the plight of low-eds can be blamed not only on trade, but also on the globalisation of finance and government monetary policies which have caused increased risk and high real interest rates. This is not the way the matter is usually put in current discussions. One reason, I suspect, is that the situation has a hidden political twist.

Helping the low-eds is much closer to a zero-sum game than many care to admit. We are in a world that is meritocratic in a real sense. There are people who through genes, family, education, willpower, talent and luck are doing well. There are others who are not. A better distinction might be between low-eds and "all-rights".

In Europe, the employed all-rights do not give enough work to low-eds, because their wages have failed to adjust downwards. Instead, the all-rights' income is diverted into taxes to pay for unemployment benefits. This means that many well-educated people, if moved by self-interest, will prefer the "American" model, in which the low-eds continue to work but for very low wages. But isn't the American model also more efficient? Surely society benefits if non-employment is reduced?

This proposition is not as obvious as it seems. First, as discussed last week, even America has suffered a sharp increase in low-ed non-employment. Secondly, we have to consider the preferences of the low-eds. Suppose (which admittedly is not sure) that low-eds prefer being unemployed on income support than fully employed at low wages. They will see the "European" model as the lesser of two evils. Only if we consider the preferences of the "high-eds" to be morally superior to the well-being of the low-eds, as they themselves perceive it, can we say that society as a whole is better off in one model than the other. But to give absolute priority to the interests of the all-rights means rejecting the democratic principle of one-man, one-vote, as well as the economic principle of Pareto optimality, which says that a change in economic conditions is only an improvement if it makes somebody better off without making anyone worse off.

> Many see the dangers of crime from an impoverished underclass

Some all-rights do not recognise any such problem. If you are a tough-minded all-right, you will want to get the low-eds off the streets and working for you and yours at nicely modest wages. Quoting fears of runaway costs of the Welfare State, you advocate workfare and all that. If you are Sir James Goldsmith, you also throw in trade protection. What you do not do is concede that the low-eds' plight is closely related to government economic policies and the operation of financial markets.

But many all-rights see the danger to themselves from crime and other consequences of an impoverished underclass. Others sense that, in today's rapidly changing world, the all-right of today may become the low-ed or not-all-right of tomorrow. Some even have a true social conscience.

For such "soft-hearted" all-rights, there are really three options: to revive adequate economic growth, to accept the costs of a permanent Welfare State, or to subsidise low-ed employment. Many supposed free-marketeers surprisingly seem to favour the third option. With taxpayer subsidies, low-eds can be given work at reasonable wages, and the long-term unemployed can be helped on the road to longer-term employability. All-rights still have a tax burden but retain the advantage of cheap labour. I admire the motivation and ingenuity of some of these schemes, but I see them as palliative.

The welfare alternative is unfashionable and costly, but perhaps less so than many believe. Much contemporary research suggests that the future burdens of the Welfare State have been exaggerated, especially for Britain. For example, the Rowntree Foundation report by John Hills has made the following calculation: "If benefit levels were to keep up with overall living standards, the net effects of built-in upward forces such as population ageing on the public finances over the next 50 years would add up to 5 per cent of GDP."

By contrast, in the past decade, British adult male all-rights have seen their earning power grow at rates of between 1 and 2 per cent a year — not amazing figures, but surely enough to tolerate welfare costs growing at one tenth of 1 per cent. Thus the strictly financial costs of supporting a permanently idle underclass may be tolerable. But this is not the best answer.

The alternative is to do something about the root causes of underclass unemployment. These do seem to lie not in any one single factor but in the interaction of globalisation, high real interest rates and inadequate growth. Globalisation is here to stay, but, if the North had lower interest rates and faster growth, the labour market problems it causes would be much reduced and palliatives would not be needed. The best remedy to social dislocation, underemployment and rising welfare costs is not protectionism but a global revival of brisk, stable, green growth.

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Czechs switch to life with a convertible

Colin Narbrough on new look for the former Soviet-ruled region's currency

Vaclav Klaus, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, must be forgiven his arrogance over the breathtaking transformation of his economy that has this week allowed it to make its currency convertible.

From Sunday, the koruna, already the hardest of the central European currencies, became the first of the former Soviet-dominated region's units to go convertible.

The new law, passed by the Czech parliament last week, provides for full convertibility for current account transactions, such as import and export business, and modest convertibility for capital account transactions. Although Czechs are still not allowed to make portfolio investments abroad, as the government wants to avoid speculative activity, they can make direct investments abroad in property and take as much currency out of the country as they wish as tourists.

The removal of the 100,000 koruna (£2,400) cap on the amount of foreign exchange Czechs could take abroad has been treated as something of a joke. Low Czech wages meant that the old currency limit was already far too much for most people. It was equivalent to half a year's salary for many workers.

> Czechs see it as a sign they have regained inter-war years status

Delivering the SBC Warburg annual lecture in the City last Thursday, Mr Klaus, who, as Finance Minister, steered the Czech economy before becoming Prime Minister, proudly paraded his achievements on the currency front in the six years since the collapse of communism.

He accepted that the "wind can blow stronger than before" as the Czechs remove barriers to trade and capital flows. But he stressed that his country was no Mexico. There was no Czech national debt, no budget deficit and it was not issuing Mexican-type Tesoro bonds.

The return to currency convertibility has been greeted by the Czechs as a sign that the country has finally regained the status it enjoyed in the inter-war years as a thriving economy with attractive, convertible money.

In his lecture, Mr Klaus sought to demolish most of the theories Western experts offered the Czechs on how to switch to the market system. And devaluation, the route now being taken by Poland and Hungary, was one he was not going down, whatever the experts said.

He pointed out that the koruna was last devalued in 1990 and he claimed the world record for holding the currency absolutely stable in nominal terms for the past 57 months, which gave it a "creeping revaluation" in real terms. This stability, he said, provided a key cushion of the transformation process.

With the Czech Republic preparing to apply for membership of the European Union early next year, Mr Klaus is bent on making the koruna one of the hard core currencies.

Czech growth should hit an annual 4 per cent this year and the government is budgeting for 4.8 per cent next. Mr Klaus remains unhappy about inflation, which was running at an annual 9 per cent in August. While high by the West's current low standards, it is, however, far lower than in most former communist economies. Unemployment, scourge of western Europe, was running at just 3 per cent in the Czech Republic in August.

David Lubin, HSBC Markets' economic adviser on emerging markets, sees a key element of the convertibility law in the power given to the central bank to impose controls to slow the potentially inflationary inflows of capital, rather than having to cut interest rates. With such controls in place, the monetary reins can safely be tightened to curb inflation.

The measures are part of the Czechs' plan to become a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the rich nations' think-tank, in the near future. And Mr Klaus hopes to follow that up with an application for EU membership early next year.

CITY DIARY

Counting on a decent meal

SPARE a thought for number crunchers beavering away on weekend takeover bids. Those involved in National Power's £2.8 billion bid for Southern Electric testify that it's tough finding a private dining room in the City on a Sunday.

A famished banker tells how NatPower and Southern finalised their negotiations on Sunday as dusk fell, and, at 9.15pm, ten of them decided to dine together by way of celebration. "You can only eat so many boardroom sandwiches," a mole tells me. Not even the Savoy could set up a private room at that hour, however. So the weary ten wandered home without dinner.

Could they have tried to book using the bid code names? Any restaurateur hearing that "Puffin" (NatPower) wants a private room to entertain "Skate" (Southern Electric) must have thought the caller was barking mad. Undoubtedly, booking a room in the name of Rothschilds and/or Schroders would have opened any kitchen in town.

Protest defused

THE French Companies Investors Show at London's Merchant Centre yesterday got off to a real bang. No sooner had exhibitors set out their stalls when news reached London that France had detonated its second nuclear device. The CND was incensed. But exhibition organiser Glenda Boswell wasn't having all her hard work ruined by unruly noises. "I went out and faced the CND," the plucky Glenda tells me. "I offered them a glass of wine. Initially, they said yes, until I pointed out it would be French. So they settled for coffee."



"Are we sure it's the right way up?"

United ...

TONY YEBOAH, Leeds United Football Club's prodigious Ghanaian goalscorer, is giving a local food company a battering — but they don't mind a bit. When Yeboah revealed his weakness for Yorkshire puddings earlier this year (and suggested the puds might be responsible for his phenomenal goal-scoring rate), Nordale Foods of Leeds offered Yeboah two giant puddings for every goal he scored, plus one for the rest of the team. Last week Nordale prepared to deliver 120 puddings to the Elland Road stadium. But wait a minute — better make that 132 puds. Yeboah scored again on Saturday.

... divided

NOW that Swiss Bank Corporation and SG Warburg are united, they're supposed to be as happy as ducks in water. But the individual spirit beats on. On the Solent at the weekend, the annual City Yacht Race was won by Henderson Administration, whose Michael Robinson, Mark Lund and Ian Buckley crossed the line first, beating Barings Asset Management into second place. The "merged" house entered two yachts. Third came SBC, and fourth ... SG Warburg.

COLIN CAMPBELL

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bolder bank

From M. J. Hughes

Sir, How refreshing to see the senior management of Daiwa Bank accept responsibility for the actions of one of their staff that led to huge losses, and to agree to forgo their bonuses and accept cuts in salary.

What a contrast with the sordid Barings affair where senior management insisted on taking their bonuses, leaving innocent investors to carry the losses.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. HUGHES,
Walnut Cottage,
Newlands Drive,
Maidenhead, Berks.

Further warning on Lloyd's failures

From Mr Malcolm Boston

Sir, The resignation of Mrs Rosalind Gilmore so soon after her appointment as Director of Lloyd's Regulatory Services — no doubt after considerable heart-searching on her part — comes as a blow to external names whose cause she undoubtedly championed.

But make no mistake. It should also serve as a jolt to everyone, not only names, that the Treasury Select Committee's recent report containing serious strictures about the existing regulatory arrangements and other failures at Lloyd's clearly has not been taken on board.

Further, it should serve as a warning to Lloyd's not to take for granted the acquiescence of names and their representatives in the processes of "consultation" over the preparation of a document which might lead to a settlement. And they should pay careful attention to what names' representatives are requesting if they want it to stand a chance of being accepted.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM BOSTON,
13 Trumpington Road,
Cambridge.

Where blame lies

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, Eddie George's enthusiasm for interest rate rises is such that it is easy to cast him as the scapegoat for Britain's sluggish growth rate, and Kenneth Clarke as the popular hero who has stood up to him in the cause of expansion.

The truth is that the Government, not the Bank of England, should take the blame. Desperate to restore credibility after the ERM fiasco, it chose as its overriding economic objective an inflation target so stringent it was only likely to be met by slowing growth to a snail's pace, and charged the Bank's governor with attempting to achieve that target and nothing else.

It is the architects of this blinkered approach to economic policymaking who are responsible for the slow growth, the unemployment, depressed living standards and budgetary problems that have resulted, not those given the brief to carry it out.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN COSKER,
Head of Economics,
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No to minimum wage

From Mrs Anne E. Minto

Sir, It is difficult to envisage the types of businesses that the Labour Party has consulted (Business wants talks with Labour on minimum wage, September 25) to draw the conclusion that the imposition of a national minimum wage would not be opposed by industry.

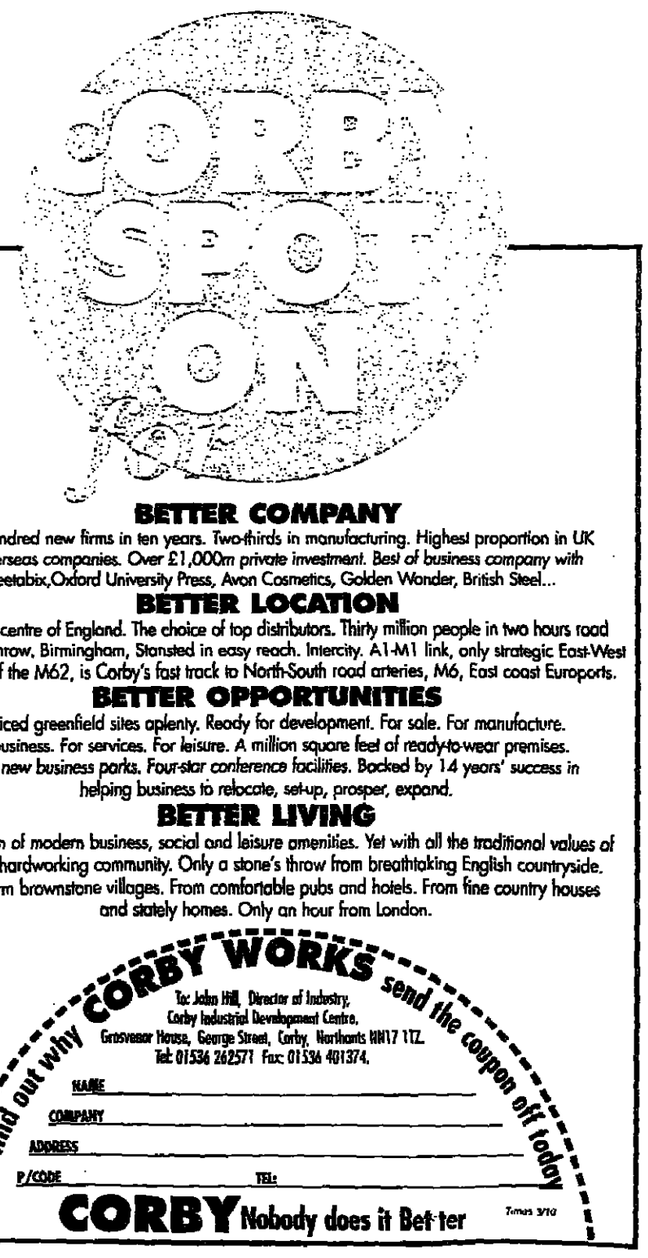
Engineering employers in the UK do not want to see a minimum wage introduced. Employers are concerned especially at the prospects of increased costs and higher inflation which would result.

At the recent TUC conference, the AEEU has already called for the maintenance of wage differentials in the engineering sector.

Furthermore, subsequent increases in a minimum wage could raise expectations for higher paid employees in the engineering sector in future wage negotiations.

Those groups of employers who would be directly affected by a minimum wage literally cannot afford to be so complacent as this survey would suggest.

Yours faithfully,
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Lucas to set aside £95m over US litigation

BY MARTIN BARROW, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

LUCAS INDUSTRIES, the UK aerospace and auto components group, is to take total charges of £95 million after resolving a protracted legal battle with the US Government.

The company also said it was seeking a joint venture partner who might ultimately acquire Western Geared Systems, the subsidiary at the centre of the dispute.

Lucas has confirmed it will pay civil damages of $88 million to the US Government in settlement of the dispute, which related to contracts for the supply of aerospace gearboxes to the US Navy and Army by Western Geared Systems.

The dispute began with a whistleblower lawsuit, filed in a federal court in Utah by a former Lucas machinist, and it concerned gearbox parts used in navy fighter planes and army rocket launchers. The former employee who began the case could get up to $17 million from the US authorities, it is believed.

Lucas stressed that the gearboxes had exceeded performance targets and that the only question in the litigation had been false certification of the products.

George Simpson, chief executive, said yesterday: "The financial effect is out of all proportion to the issues involved, but we believe this was the best settlement available. It avoids years of costly and complex litigation and exposure to the uncertainties of the US legal system which would continue to have a debilitating effect on the business."

Lucas said all legal costs would be covered by a £55 million provision in the 1994-95 results, to be announced on October 9. The company set aside £87 million in the previous financial year. Lucas will also provide £40 million to cover the restructuring and eventual sale of Western Geared Systems, which is based in Utah.

Mr Simpson said he believed that in the longer term the Western Geared Systems business would have a more secure future under alternative ownership. The latest provision would cap the group's financial exposure and provides "for all anticipated scenarios".

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Ricardo pays £3m for Test Automation

RICARDO GROUP, the automotive engine design consultant, is acquiring Test Automation for £3 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Test Automation specialises in equipping engine test cells used by engine designers and manufacturers, and for developing new fuels.

In the year to April 30, Test Automation earned pre-tax profits of £522,000 on turnover of £3.6 million.

Ricardo reported pre-tax profits of £6.16 million for the year to June 30, up from £4.46 million. FFD's first full-year contribution lifted turnover to £85.86 million from £62.9 million. Total dividend is increased to 6.3p a share, up from 6p, with a 4.3p final due November 30. The shares rose 4p to 156p.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Michael, left, and Maurice Bennett, deputy chairman, tailored their group for a stock market flotation in June

Oasis Stores flourishes after flotation

OASIS STORES, the womenswear chain that came to the stock market in June, increased profits 5.6 per cent, to £3.93 million, in the half year to July 31 before flotation costs of £1.32 million (Patricia Tehan writes).

As stated at the time of the flotation, no interim dividend is to be paid. The first dividend to be declared as a public company will be a final payment, for the year to January 27. The shares, which were placed at 148p, held steady at 175p.

Oasis opened two shops and four concessions during the first half and has opened a further three shops and four concessions since the end of July. This takes its total number of retail outlets to 78.

Michael Bennett, the chairman, said that the exceptionally hot weather in August had made for a slow start to second-half trading. Since then, however, trading had developed well.

Lynx agrees to buy Vistec for £22m

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

LYNX, the rapidly expanding computer software and communication services company, yesterday signed up for its largest purchase to date with a £22 million deal to buy Vistec, a computer services group.

Over the past few years, Lynx has been on a mission to hoist sales through organic growth and acquisitions, and, after a brief diversion into bouncy castles and leisure, it moved to consolidate strength in areas such as motor dealer software and financial services systems.

In the agreed deal, Lynx is offering one new Lynx share for every 2.914 Vistec shares, on top of which Vistec shareholders will receive a special interim dividend of 0.25p a share. The price represents a premium of about 15 per cent on the closing price of Vistec on Friday. Yesterday, the price of Vistec shares moved up 0.5p to 16p, while the bidder's price fell 1p to 51p.

Roger Pinnington, chairman of Lynx, said: "The acquisition of Vistec will increase substantially Lynx's computer networking, maintenance and software and hardware distribution capabilities."

Bob Morton, chairman of Vistec, said that the deal would give Vistec shareholders the benefits of an interest in an enlarged company.

Although the most recent turnover figure for Vistec exceeded that for Lynx, with their comparable year-end figures for 1994 standing at £45 million and £21.5 million respectively, Vistec, in the year to April 30, sustained losses of more than £300,000 after rationalising two acquisitions, disposing of a subsidiary and suffering property losses.

Bid row over Deutsche Postbank

A RARE row in the world of German banking emerged yesterday when the state-controlled post office bank condemned a bid to pre-empt its privatisation.

Gunter Schneider, Deutsche Postbank's president, announced that its shares are to be offered on the stock market in 1997-1998, valuing the company at DM6 billion (£2.6 million).

He condemned an offer to the government of DM3.075 billion for 75 per cent of the company as an attempt by the bidders "to fill their pockets". This was a reference to the German postal service Deutsche Post. Deutsche Bank and Swiss insurer Schweizerische.

"Deutsche Bank doesn't merely want to make money through this deal, but is also chasing after customers," Herr Schneider said. He implied that survival of Postbank's network would depend on the outcome.

THE BUSINESS BOUNDUP

ECC buys Genstar assets for $35m

ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS has conditionally agreed to buy the calcium carbonate products division of Genstar Stone Products, a subsidiary of Redland, the British group based in Texas. Completion is expected by the end of the year. ECC will acquire production assets for coarse, medium, fine and ultra-fine product grades and significant whitestone reserves.

ECC will pay $35 million for plant and machinery with a value of $11 million and for the mineral reserves. Working capital will be bought at book value, estimated at $4 million. The business made an operating profit of $3.3 million last year. Separately, Redland Aggregates has concluded the sale of its china clay operations near St Austell, Cornwall, to the Goonvean & Rostowrack China Clay Co. for £8.2 million.

Lloyd's assessor named

SLAUGHTER AND MAY, the law firm, has been asked to independently assess the proposed Lloyd's £2.8 billion settlement offer, as the deadline for setting out the terms of the offer draws near. The firm will work alongside Freshfields, Lloyd's soficitors. Lloyd's will pay for the cost of mailing the advisers' reports to names once the terms of the offer have been published. Lloyd's hoped to set out the terms by the end of October, but the deadline looks likely to slip.

Guildhall fined £5,000

GUILDHALL Investment Management, was yesterday fined £5,000 for three rule breaches by Imro, the regulator for fund managers. The company, which was also ordered to pay costs of £12,000, failed to make and keep adequate records about its private customers and in particular their attitude to risk. Guildhall was also found guilty of failing to make prompt allocations of transactions and failing to keep records of the intended allocations of investments.

Greenacre advances

GREENACRE GROUP, the nursing home operator, lifted pre-tax profits to £996,000 from £873,000 in the half year to July 31. The company, which increased the number of beds under operation and development to 805 from 623, is paying an interim dividend of 0.19p (0.16p) from earnings of 0.42p (0.35p). The average occupancy rate was 93 per cent during the half year. Further expansion will continue by development and selective acquisition, said Tony Acton, chairman.

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Women lead the field in working from home

By Brian Collett

WOMEN starting businesses at home are usually younger than their male counterparts and more creative. Men stay in their jobs longer and more stay in the same line when starting up at home.

The conclusions are drawn from a survey published by *Home Run*, a magazine produced for home workers by Andrew James and his wife, Sophie Chalmers — at home in Hammersmith, west London. About 2,500 people took part in the survey, conducted after 16,000 inquiries about home working were made to the magazine and Tolson Messenger, the insurance broker.

Most women starting businesses at home are aged between 35 and 45, have expected less from their previous careers, and therefore work at something else. Mr James says: "The oil man becomes a consultant in the oil industry. It happened to me. I was in computers but found I was hopeless as a consultant in the computer industry." Also, women in a partnership often become the driving force.

One shock from the survey is the number found to have invalidated home insurance by installing a business without contacting their insurers and to have no cover for helpers. Mr James cautions: "If a boy comes in from next door to stuff envelopes and falls down the stairs, he is not automatically covered."

The survey revealed two types — those who make a decision to go into business, buy the technology, work hard and succeed, and those who do it because they cannot get a job, lack enthusiasm and fail.

Interestingly, 80 per cent want to stay independent, chiefly because they like the flexibility, but many complain of loneliness and the need to work so hard. Surprisingly, only a few disabled people and women returners set up at home. 50 per cent use uncomfortable chairs that they would refuse at work, and many have a dedicated office — only 2 per cent fit the stereotype of working from the kitchen table.

A final "terrifying" statistic was that more than a third allowed their children to play unchecked on their computer. "How would the clients feel?" asks Mr James. "Would you allow the cleaner to do that in your office?" More details about working from home are available on 0181-846 9244.

Craftsman with targets as his stock-in-trade

David Askham visits a man whose boyhood hobby has developed into a successful second career

DAVID ASKHAM



Export aim: Richard Head has orders from the US and Australia

Richard Head is on target to make a success of his small craft business launched only two years ago. He is one of a rare breed: a bowyer and fletcher.

Based in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, he believes he is one of only four people in the country handcrafting traditional English longbows, working full time at what was originally a hobby.

A quantity surveyor for 30 years and a keen archer since boyhood, when he was made redundant he developed his leisure interest into a viable small business.

Mr Head had been an active archer since the 1960s, shooting modern high-technology bows with his wife and family at contests around the country. His first business lead came from his personal interest in the traditional English longbow.

With several other enthusiasts, he discovered how hard it was to obtain the type he wanted. Hardly anyone was making them and the few available tended to be old Victorian bows, tailored to the height and reach of the individual.

"I thought I would have a go at making my own, which I did successfully and friends saw my product and asked me to make traditional longbows for them. That was about 15 years ago and it was not long before I was producing quite a lot of them. My hobby suddenly grew considerably."

He launched his own business in a small workshop and West Wiltshire Training and Enterprise Council helped in the early stages with business training courses on book-keeping, marketing and selling techniques. "Their seminars and lectures were very useful," he says. "They also helped me to qualify for a weekly £50 grant which ran for six months and that was a great help, financially, while I was building up my client base. After two years, my business has grown quite successfully."

He concedes that his craft will never be big business: "As I am supplying a minority sport, there will never be a huge market, which explains why there are only about three or four full-time bowyers and fletchers in the country."

Nevertheless, his production of 150 longbows last year looks likely to increase with an expanding export market. He hopes to establish a retail outlet in North America next year and has been invited to conduct a lecture tour there.

"I have built up a useful export trade worldwide, particularly in Germany and France, where I supply shops in Dorsten and Paris. Other orders have gone to Australia, Canada and the United States. There is a good following in the US where they produce a magazine purely for the longbow archer, so I am hopeful that I will be expanding my business there."

Top of the range bows are made entirely of yew and cost about £300. Laminated bows retail at about half that price. Apart from traditional longbow arrow designs, Mr Head has discovered a demand for replica medieval arrows, modelled on those recovered from the *Mary Rose*, King Henry VIII's flagship, which he has forged by a specialist in Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Apart from these and the leather quivers he markets and which are made locally, everything else is handcrafted by him in his new workshop in Melksham.

Richard Head is on 01225 790452.

From stump grinders to service stations at the franchise exhibition

By Rodney Hobson

BUDDING entrepreneurs who are considering starting their own business will have the chance to break into tree-stump grinding this week. Other choices include window renovation, wall panelling, vehicle security, property management and music for the under-fives.

For the less down to earth, there is always fantasy and science fiction retailing. These are among the 130 franchisers taking part in the autumn National Franchise Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham, from Friday until Sunday.

Sir Bernard Ingham, former press secretary at 10 Downing Street and now president of the British Franchise Association, will open the exhibition, which is expected to attract more than 10,000 visitors. It is sponsored by the BFA. Visitors will be offered an entry into franchising for fees ranging from £5,000 to £500,000.

Among the exhibitors is NatWest UK's franchise section. Peter Stern, its senior manager, said: "NatWest's franchise managers share a total of 35 years' experience working in the longest-established franchise section among UK banks. Franchising brings to the potential investor proven business know-how supported by a track record of trading performance which has been tried and tested."

The exhibition has attracted some of the biggest names in franchising including McDonald's, Prontaprint, Interlink Express, Dyno-Rod, Kall-Kwik and Securicor Pony Express (SPE), where Lorna Wright has become its first female franchisee.

Among newcomers is BP, which launched its Harmony service station franchise a year ago. It now has 20 sites in operation and hopes to add at least 30 each year until the total reaches 200. The cost of a franchise varies according to the site but starts at £30,000 for a ten-year agreement.

Franchising has grown rapidly over the past ten years to a turnover last year of £5.5 billion. It provides 200,000 jobs. Free advice will be available at the exhibition from law firms, consultants and high street banks. Seminars will be held on legal, commercial and practical aspects of becoming a franchisee.

There will be a session each day for established businesses that are considering becoming franchisers.

The exhibition is open from 10am until 5pm on Friday and Saturday and 10am until 4pm on Sunday. Admission is £10 at the door. Discounted tickets at £8 each or £14 for two are available in advance on the franchise hotline: 01992 522638.



In business: Lorna Wright, the first female franchisee at SPE



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The Rural Development Commission is running a business advice roadshow in east Cleveland this week to publicise support services in the area. The roadshow will be on Skelton industrial estate today, Redcar esplanade and Limerick Road, Dormanstown, tomorrow, Serco car park, Guisborough, on Thursday and Somerfield supermarket, Saltburn, on Friday. Details from Business Link Teesside or Langbaurgh Borough Council.

☐ The Confederation of British Industry has replaced its smaller firms council with a small and medium enterprises council to place greater emphasis on the needs of growing enterprises.

☐ TSB has cut its fixed-term lending rates for businesses by up to 0.7 per cent. The new rates vary from 8.3 per cent to 10.7 per cent depending on the amount borrowed and the term of the loan. Special rates are available for doctors and farmers.

☐ A national investment fund to give small businesses long-term loans for essential projects has been proposed to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, for the November Budget by the UK Industrial Group, which represents 4,000 manufacturers. The group, based in Aldershot, Hampshire, has also asked for the abolition of capital gains tax — to encourage the formation of new ventures — and 100 per cent capital allowances for financing plant, equipment and new buildings to stimulate industrial investment.

☐ A group that was set up to help businesses to obtain the most suitable information technology systems is to issue its first guidelines in April. The BuyIT Campaign, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry and supported by industry bodies, including the Computing Services and Software Association and the National Computing Centre, mainly helps companies to change or adapt technology to meet new needs and to build up good relations with their suppliers.

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Global Growth	134.10	142.90	-1.60	
Japan Growth	196.60	205.80	-4.50	
Japan Smaller	143.26	153.80	-3.80	
Korea Trust	73.07	78.76	-0.92	
Portfolio	135.30	144.70†	-0.20	2.10
-do- Accum	251.90	269.62	-0.36	2.10
UK Growth	92.43	98.56	-0.74	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	86.32	92.98	-0.22	1.90
Select Managers	22.56	25.41	-0.75	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	32.68	32.32		
Special Opps Inc	59.32	62.02†		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	119.51	125.57†	-0.31	1.65
-do- Accum	136.85	144.82	-0.36	1.65
Smaller Cos	121.61	128.59	-0.55	1.04
Higher Yield #	48.56	51.39†	-0.27	4.47
American Gth Inc	81.63	86.38	-0.01	
European Growth	153.61	162.76†	-0.45	0.67
-do- Accum	159.64	165.97	-0.45	0.67
Global Bond Inc #	26.80	27.79	-0.02	7.16
Cmgn Pacific Inc	45.82	48.46†	-0.01	1.34
-do- Accum	45.89	49.10	-0.01	1.34
Int Spec Opps	132.78	140.90	+0.74	
Pacific Gwt	121.85	129.31	-0.42	0.27
UK General #	82.52	87.37	-0.67	3.60
-do- Accum #	85.95	90.95	-0.91	3.60
Japan	57.70	61.05	-1.22	
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	97.51	101.05†	-0.05	8.48
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.81	66.65	-0.24	6.38
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5050				
Europe	170.90	180.90	+0.30	1.69
UK Growth	162.10	170.80	-0.60	2.21
UK Income	137.20	146.10†	-1.70	4.42
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	206.90	219.40†	+0.69	1.81
-do- Income Dist	115.70	122.70	-0.70	4.05
-do- Accum	356.20	378.30	+2.30	4.05
Gilt & Fxd Inc	49.60	42.40†	-0.17	6.40
Growth Units	218.20	233.40†	-0.50	2.16
Bond	170.30	179.30†	-0.40	6.90
Intl Growth	227.20	236.40	-1.20	0.43
North American	214.70	228.80	+1.20	0.32
Far East	277.40	299.20	-0.10	1.10
UK Smaller Cos	195.57	203.10†	-0.50	1.54
European	88.54	94.25	-0.12	0.80
Japanese Growth	44.47	47.28	-1.12	
High Income	198.20	212.00†	-1.30	4.43
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0181 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	177.70	189.10†	-0.60	
European Inc	92.27	97.93†	-0.75	1.22
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.52	97.15†	-0.04	1.64
Growth	468.50	493.99†	-0.60	1.97
Income & Growth #	432.50	460.20	-4.10	3.91
-do- Accum #	629.90	670.20	-6.00	3.91
Japan & Gen	88.31	93.92	-2.40	
Master Portfolio	£105.67	£109.21†	-66.00	2.34
-do- Accum	£128.12	£132.41	-9.00	2.34
Special Sits	152.80	116.90	-0.20	1.97
High Yield	£14.09	£14.53	+7.00	4.34

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.24	96.32	..	2.65
American Portfolio	104.77	111.37		1.01
European Portfolio	113.62	121.20		0.55
High Income	50.27	50.41		8.00
Japanese Portfolio	83.59	87.85†	-1.35	..
Pacific Portfolio	142.48	153.21	-0.47	1.46
UK Inc & Growth	82.85	88.78		3.07
Utility & Bond	58.15	58.82	...	6.53
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	706.06	716.73		4.44
Fxd Int Sec	153.11	153.73	...	9.37
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	699.14	709.70		4.45
Investment Acc	£30.43	£30.89		
Fixed Int Inc	125.98	126.48		9.09
Fixed Int Acc	204.86	205.68		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7887				
Intl Growth	119.42	130.77		
UK Income	110.61	120.48		6.080
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Brickman Intl	84.82	89.74		2.71
Beck Bio-Tech	38.70	42.63		
Acorn Ethical Tst	158.49	166.43		0.74
City Fin Assets	73.54	77.22†	-1.06	1.78
City Fin Americn	97.62	102.72		
City Fin Intl	81.78	85.87		1.36
City Fin Japan	147.32	154.70		
Frass Hse Cap	292.97	306.62	-2.98	2.39
Frass Hse Inc	196.06	212.67	-0.81	3.96
Buckley Wrld Gth	134.15	142.20†		
Famous Cap Gth	141.15	150.70		
Famouth Intl	152.60	163.40		
J Stc Inc/Gth Inc	54.69	58.47		2.04
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.19	58.62	+0.04	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	73.08	78.16	-1.07	
Allss Mngd Gwth	39.15	42.35	-0.52	0.75
Dragon Growth	66.69	71.32	-0.19	0.87
Equity High Inc	86.22	92.42†	+0.34	4.02
-do- Accum	119.71	128.31	+0.47	4.02
Extra Income Inc	25.70	27.06†	-0.43	7.70
Extra Income Acc	26.73	28.15†		7.70
European Gwth	54.68	58.38	-0.31	1.24
Evergreen	27.99	29.93	+0.17	
General Equity	91.14	96.70	+0.25	2.98
Japan Growth	48.45	51.82	-1.78	
Pedigree Gwth	54.84	58.87	+0.10	2.87
Pacif Sm Cos Inc	32.82	34.92	+0.01	1.56
-do- Accum	34.35	36.54	+0.01	1.56
Retirement Inc #	26.60	28.30†	-0.03	5.60
Special Sits	41.10	43.72	+0.16	2.19
UK & Overseas	52.71	56.07	-0.38	1.41
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	72.73	75.76	+0.15	2.01
Income	64.01	65.98	+0.16	4.26
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	165.69	176.27†	-0.96	4.96
Fixed & Convertible	39.39	41.90†	+0.08	6.95
Monthly Inc Plus	48.28	51.36†		8.72
Preference Share	45.54	48.45†	+0.04	8.07
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.41	133.41†	+0.47	6.09
Managed Fund	70.17	74.65†	+0.08	3.11
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.58	45.30	+0.12	1.79
-do- Accum	49.56	52.72	+0.12	1.79
UK & General	85.53	90.99†	+0.27	2.79
-do- Accum	109.75	116.76†	+0.32	2.79
UK Growth	158.67	168.80	+0.59	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.17	204.44	-1.20	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	126.32	133.32	-1.05	..
Global Bond	79.62	84.61†	-0.09	6.32
Global Growth	108.87	115.82	-3.51	
North Amer Gth	191.97	204.22	-0.05	
Oriental Growth	76.94	81.85	-0.04	0.07
Worldwide Growth	66.91	71.18†	-0.61	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.45	91.45†	-0.03	6.11
Homemaker Fund	84.93	90.35	+0.02	1.67
Quoted Fund	140.65	149.63	-0.52	2.09
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.21	34.45†		3.45
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	171.30	182.20	+1.70	1.37
Income	72.77	77.41	+1.07	5.50
European	65.61	69.80	-0.22	1.13
Recovery	171.60	182.50	-0.10	1.38
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	885.60	899.90		3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.77	95.49†	+0.19	1.20
Income #	261.70	278.40	+0.50	4.24
-do- Accum #	657.80	699.70	+1.20	4.25
Smaller Cos	193.20	205.50	+0.80	0.96
-do- Accum	237.90	253.00	+1.00	0.96
Inv Portfolio	87.53	93.18	-0.13	1.42
High Inc Port #	75.51	80.32	-0.10	4.44
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1597.80	1636.10		
Japan Small Cos	1091.80	1113.82		
UK Small Cos	1927.10	2007.00		
US Small Cos	1898.78	1937.60		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.80	232.40		2.77
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	294.00	310.70		0.68
New Asia	216.30	230.30†		0.15
Japan Growth	112.48	119.50†		
Jap Smlr Co	439.20	465.90		
Nth Amer	322.70	341.60		0.86
UK Inc & Gth	229.50	244.70		2.73
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	152.00	161.70	+0.60	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	160.60	170.80	+0.80	4.22
-do- Accum	209.70	223.00	+1.10	4.22
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.16	61.89	-0.16	5.08
Emerging Opps	93.97	99.96	+0.24	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	59.22	63.00	-0.07	0.61
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 690 526				
American	143.70	152.60	-0.40	1.15
Convertibles #	21.29	22.62†	-0.02	6.19
Equity Income #	132.90	141.20†	+0.40	3.75
EuroFund	49.48	52.47	-0.16	0.38
Financial	47.87	50.86†	-0.08	1.47
Growth & Inc #	252.50	268.30	-1.10	2.87
High Dist #	164.80	175.10	+0.50	4.28
International	392.90	417.00	-2.60	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	95.53	103.00†	-1.50	2.67
Latin Americas	37.12	39.82	+0.09	
Pacific	78.96	83.50†	-0.22	
Pref High Inc	21.44	22.78†	-0.26	7.24
Tokyo	213.10	226.10†	-5.40	
UK Smaller Cos	250.20	265.80	-0.98	1.04
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BR Director Digs	96.30	102.56	-1.43	1.35
Growth Acc	235.42	251.52	-1.13	0.41
Income	591.44	629.34	+228.00	5.36
Intl & General	416.69	434.48	-7.14	0.57
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7361				
Endurance Fd	212.40	226.00		1.03
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	84.46	88.91	-0.23	1.98
Ethical Tst	44.56	46.91	-0.19	1.32
Far Eastern	293.57	309.02	-3.97	1.89
High Income	135.78	142.93	+0.46	4.82
Intl Growth	122.26	128.69	-0.92	0.51
North American	128.09	134.83†	-0.73	1.61
Pelican	126.91	133.59	+0.30	3.30
Smaller Cos	67.37	70.92		2.75
Special Sits	90.41	95.17†	-0.21	2.73
Tst of Inv Tsts	192.08	202.19	-0.07	1.35
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.84	210.47†	-0.77	1.34
Smaller Cos Acc	350.11	372.46†	+1.14	1.34
Recovery	50.19	53.39	-0.15	1.85
Recovery Acc	51.10	54.36	+0.15	1.85
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.07	94.45†	-0.04	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.73	49.84	-0.01	0.53
High Income #	40.95	43.69†	-0.03	10.43
Warrant	53.09	57.71†	-0.06	
Zero Preference	40.85	43.54	-0.07	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	81.36	87.08†	-0.470	2.96
Family Income Tst	44.94	44.94†	-0.37	6.44
Family Trust	91.99	97.86†	-0.340	1.99
United Charities	266.80	283.80†	-4.50	4.33
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	6.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.35	27.46	+0.03	7.28
Intl Bond	29.35	30.36	-0.17	5.53
Income Funds				
High Income	34.52	35.77†	-0.06	5.80
Income Plus	115.90	122.30†	-0.30	4.20
Amer Eq Inc	53.45	56.93	-0.01	1.56
European Income	44.45	47.37	-0.44	2.43
Far East Inc	64.50	68.72	-1.57	2.40
Global Convertible	23.48	25.05†	-0.08	2.73
UK Dev Gth	27.22	28.95†	+0.10	2.24
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.42	65.52	-0.42	
America	286.30	303.50	-0.40	
Amer Spec Sits	151.60	161.60	-0.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.65	36.97	-0.97	
European	195.30	207.70	-1.80	...
European Opps	68.41	72.74	-0.61	
Global Pro	28.08	28.84	-0.19	
UK Growth	102.20	108.70	-0.40	
Growth & Inc	155.20	165.10	+0.70	2.63
Intl PEP	41.40	44.02	-0.04	
Japan Spec Sits	82.42	87.70	-2.29	
Japan	175.40	186.70	-5.10	
Managed Intl	309.70	329.20	-2.30	
Moneybuilder	58.18	67.84	-0.19	
Recovery	50.36	53.55	-0.06	
South E Asia	182.28	173.10†	+1.20	
Special Sits	595.80	633.50†	+0.80	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.19	111.19	-0.04	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	140.60	143.10†		2.22
Inc Pflio #	88.24	89.66†	+0.43	3.66
Cap Pflio	149.60	152.00	-0.10	1.49
Global Opps	128.60	130.20		3.61
Growth Inc	32.74	33.42	+0.05	1.17
Private Portfolio	420.20	448.30†		1.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	121.40	128.30	-1.10	0.62
Emrg Asian	158.40	167.30†	-1.10	..
High Income	20.89	22.21†	-0.07	10.13
UK Growth	114.10	122.20	+0.40	2.12
UK Income	108.59	114.20	-0.50	3.43
US Smaller Cos	368.00	394.00†	+2.10	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.20	81.18†	+0.71	4.16
Investment Trust	98.72	103.81†	-0.06	
UK Smaller Cos	91.27	95.97	-0.32	0.93

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	68.64	73.24	-0.29	...
-do- Accum	68.64	73.24	-0.29	
Amer Smlr Cos	603.10	645.00†	+2.60	
-do- Accum	616.10	658.90†	+2.60	
Capital Tst	333.40	354.80†	..	1.87
-do- Accum	484.10	514.80†		1.87
Cont Smlr Cos	80.52	84.72	-0.69	0.78
-do- Accum	64.05	68.79	-0.73	0.78
Convertible	132.00	140.40	+0.10	5.32
-do- Accum	272.20	289.50	-0.30	5.32
Emerging Markets	65.79	70.28	-0.29	
-do- Accum	65.85	70.34	-0.29	
European	126.30	133.80	-1.10	0.46
-do- Accum	132.80	140.60	-1.08	0.46
Extra Income	358.70	381.50	+2.80	3.84
-do- Accum	550.80	585.90	+1.50	3.84
Financial	139.30	149.60	-0.20	0.61
-do- Accum	147.50	158.30	-0.30	0.61
Gilt Trust	61.13	63.03†	-1.64	6.62
-do- Accum	90.02	92.83†	+0.05	6.62
Health Fund Inc	190.10	203.00	+2.30	
-do- Accum	190.10	203.00	+2.30	
Income & Growth	204.10	220.30	+0.50	3.58
-do- Accum	317.60	337.80	+0.80	3.58
Intl Growth	393.70	420.50	-4.10	...
-do- Accum	432.20	466.90	-4.60	
Japan & Gen	173.30	185.30	-4.90	
-do- Accum	175.10	187.10	-5.00	
Monthly Inc	178.50	189.80†	+0.60	3.82
Managed Port Inc	111.70	117.60	-0.20	1.85
-do- Accum	119.90	126.20	-0.20	1.85
Quarterly Income	53.95	57.85†	+0.13	4.41
-do- Accum	59.27	63.56†	+0.13	4.41
Recovery	356.20	379.80	-1.30	0.03
-do- Accum	418.30	448.20	-1.70	0.03
UK Growth	58.09	62.10	+0.13	2.54
-do- Accum	61.57	65.81	+0.14	2.54
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	51.18	54.42	+0.02	0.60
FP Am Smlr Cos	144.40	154.40	-2.30	
FP Asian Growth	255.40	273.10	-6.30	
FP Australian	348.70	374.10	-3.00	
FP Equity Dist	405.80	431.60	+1.90	2.58
-do- Accum	869.10	924.50	+4.10	2.58
FP Euro Gth	230.20	244.80†	+0.50	0.36
-do- Accum	250.20	266.10†	+0.60	0.36
FP Intl Bond	58.43	61.83	-0.13	4.73
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.92	36.20	-0.10	0.44
-do- Accum	49.18	52.48	-0.17	0.44
FP Pac Basin Acc	203.20	217.20†	-1.80	
FP Income	55.90	59.62	-0.44	4.62
-do- Accum	184.40	196.60	-1.42	4.62
FP Jap Smlr Cos	298.10	317.90	-6.90	
FP Monthly Dist	71.71	76.53†	-0.34	5.45
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†	-1.00	6.25
FP Tokyo	79.07	84.34	-3.69	
FP UK Focus	37.81	39.79†	-0.46	2.71
FP UK Growth	180.30	192.30	-1.10	2.76
-do- Accum	354.00	377.60	-2.20	2.76
Stewardship Dist	364.60	387.80	+0.80	1.90
-do- Accum	450.20	478.90	+0.80	1.90
Stwdshp Inc Dist	75.32	82.12	+0.54	3.60
-do- Accum	99.36	105.70	+0.70	3.60
N Am Stshp Dist	110.70	117.70	-0.30	0.87
-do- Accum	118.20	125.70	+0.30	0.87
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	112.70	119.80	-1.20	1
Open Cap Gth Acc	118.20	125.70	-0.60	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.80	115.70	-0.40	2.24
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.60	119.70	-0.40	2.24
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	113.80	121.00	+0.36	3.32
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.20	125.70	-0.40	3.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 198/7				
GANDA	256.90	271.70	+0.80	2.27
Cash	49.83	50.37	-0.02	5.28
Growth Portfolio	88.19	85.00	-0.78	0.98
Income Portfolio	65.33	69.09	+0.23	4.46
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 238 6441				
Special Sit	212.80	227.40	+2.10	1.49
Dividend	91.21	97.55	+0.05	4.01
Int Gth & Inc	232.60	248.80	+0.60	2.85
Uk & Gen	47.18	50.46†	-0.04	1.59
Fund of Funds	67.80	72.61†	+0.82	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	214.80	229.80	-2.20	
European	619.40	661.30	-6.80	0.41
Far East & Gen	252.90	270.50	-4.70	
Germany	120.10	127.10†	-1.80	
Income Inc	164.10	175.50†		4.13
-do- Accum	181.00	193.80		4.13
International	340.29	363.90	-1.70	0.19
Intl Income	85.37	90.44	-0.01	3.37
Japan & General	421.80	448.70	-6.70	..
Korean Securities	68.67	74.52	-1.15	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	47.01	50.28	+0.11	4.05
UK Capital Inc	177.40	189.80	-0.80	1.50
UK Capital Acc	312.70	334.50	+1.40	1.50
UK Spec Sits	91.29	97.64†	-0.47	1.33
US & General	163.80	173.90	-0.40	
Wwide Spec Sits	148.30	158.60	-2.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.02	56.73	+0.03	1.56
Cash Trust	140.13	140.13	-0.05	6.16
Practical Inv Inc #	117.26	125.41†	-0.85	2.77
-do- Accum #	270.45	289.25†	-1.98	2.77
UK Index	160.67	161.88†	+0.34	3.05
UK Smaller Cos	145.20	155.39†	-0.89	0.51
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.21	25.09	+0.03	6.21
High Income	33.81	36.16		5.28
UK Equity Income	148.01	158.16	-0.11	3.13
Global Bond	29.18	30.23†	-0.04	4.93
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.45	47.54	-0.80	
Global Managed	136.77	145.67†	-1.75	1.52
Gold & Intl Res	108.84	116.41	-0.09	
Global Utilities	137.07	146.54	+0.15	1.58
Overseas Funds				
American	170.76	181.99	+0.11	0.97
European	113.75	120.66	-0.49	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	168.93	179.36	-0.67	
Amer Emerging	134.67	144.03	-1.18	
Hong Kong	143.15	153.26	-1.21	1.91
Japan	232.70	244.54	-7.55	
Pacific Growth	212.91	227.71	-1.60	0.11
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	231.11	231.11†	-0.14	2.09
Long Term Bal	250.57	250.57†	-0.09	3.11
Med Term Bal	210.78	210.78†	+0.45	3.27
UK Equity	264.69	264.69	+0.15	2.92
UK Emerging Cos	155.77	155.77	-0.05	1.97
American	273.75	273.75†	-0.22	1.29
Japan	120.02	120.02†	-1.78	
European	297.71	297.71†	-1.26	1.01
Index Linked Gilt	176.35	176.35	-0.51	2.74
Fixed Interest	163.04	163.04	+0.55	6.59
Amer Emerge	328.82	328.82†	-1.63	
Pacific	237.25	237.25	-1.42	0.69
Emerging Mkts	120.37	120.37	-1.40	0.94
Index Strat Japan	143.43	143.43	-4.80	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	184.23	184.23	-1.02	1.37
-do- Cont Europe	163.92	163.92	-0.73	2.00
Index Strat USA	158.09	158.09	-0.41	2.00
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	108.91	115.86	-0.07	
Med Term Bal	100.24	106.64	-0.23	
Long Term Bal	112.61	119.80	+0.04	
UK Equity	122.48	130.30	-0.07	
UK Emerging Cos	73.02	77.68	-0.03	
American	126.75	134.84	-0.11	
Japan	57.49	61.16	-0.21	
European	123.76	131.66	-0.55	
Fixed Interest	82.88	88.17	+0.31	
Index Linked Gilt	78.34	83.34	-0.24	
Deposit	82.92	88.22	+0.04	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Brgtn Intl	148.44	156.25†	+0.84	0.54
Brcrft Gth Port Inc	66.77	70.47†	+0.26	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.83	63.14	+0.16	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	56.31	59.43	+0.56	0.10
Shaw Utilities	65.75	69.39		2.58
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	580.62	622.44		2.24
-do- Accum	650.74	692.28		2.24
European Inc	157.40	167.42		1.31
Amalgam Inc	152.94	162.10		
N America Inc	352.66	375.17		0.70
Far East Inc	363.23	386.42		
-do- Accum	376.21	400.22		
UK Dyntd Inc	183.23	194.93		3.28
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	96.76	103.47†	-0.82	4.50
UK Small Cos	55.79	59.65†	-1.65	1.54
British Growth	78.14	82.34	-0.86	2.73
American Gwth	224.69	240.30	-0.18	
Japan Gwth	65.44	69.91	-1.74	
Greater China	184.12	196.91	-0.98	0.41
Pacific Strategy	154.36	165.07	-0.15	0.17
European Gwth	93.53	99.40†	-0.31	0.74
Intl Growth	159.48	169.49	-1.32	
US Index (E)	15.5835	16.4197	-0.1400	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.97	87.66	-0.70	2.34
Monthly Income	39.43	42.06†	-0.20	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Govt UK Index (E)	12.3414	13.0309	-0.0765	4.30
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	94.72	100.77		1.52
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 8888				
European	516.60	551.90	+2.70	0.43
Gilt & Fixed	125.30	133.90	-0.50	5.95
Growth Equity	367.10	392.20	-2.30	1.66
Income Trust	143.00	152.70	-0.90	3.05
International	191.90	205.00†	-0.10	0.17
Japan Trust	121.40	129.60	-3.40	
Nth American	311.30	332.50	-2.30	
Pacific	540.50	577.40	+0.90	0.08
Guardhill	549.30	586.80	-1.50	1.61
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
ECU Trust	102.99	106.68	-0.64	6.64
Global High Inc	99.57	103.36	-0.21	7.15
Corporate Bond	101.68	105.54†	-1.46	7.26
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.49	113.13†	-1.15	5.01
European Growth	112.63	119.11	-1.09	
Intl PEP Trust	63.81	67.84	-0.40	
Equity Inc	130.26	138.50	+0.52	3.70
-do- Accum	183.04	194.62	-0.71	3.70
Recovery	372.20	402.20	-0.60	2.13
-do- Accum	439.90	467.70	-0.50	2.13
St Vinc High Inc	121.26	126.12†	-1.64	7.18
UK Emerg Cos	270.20	287.30	+1.90	1.55
UK Smlr Cos	383.20	390.03	-0.40	2.48
Glob Prv Est	94.68	100.69†	-2.11	0.94
-do- Accum	96.77	102.89	-1.12	0.94
Inc Share Tst	90.67	96.41†	+2.32	9.10
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing 0171 220 5050				
Growth	28.90	30.64†		1.77
Growth Acc	29.27	31.03		1.77
Income	28.92	30.66†		3.83
Income Acc	29.62	31.41		3.83
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 330				
Model Pfolio	216.30	227.70†	-2.70	2.52
Smaller Cos	33.47	35.61	-1.14	1.59
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UP Funds				
Special Sits	338.24	361.37†	+1.94	1.32
Best of British	67.04	71.26	+0.13	2.88
UK Smaller Cos	139.07	149.42	+0.97	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	291.60	310.54	-0.66	3.67
-do- Accum #	796.83	848.59	-1.81	3.67
High Income	333.15	356.35	-1.29	4.11
Extra Income #	285.36	303.48†	-0.55	5.67
Pref & Bond	47.66	49.26	-0.21	2.50
International				
International	287.91	306.26†	-2.60	0.35
Global Bond	54.18	57.51†	+0.13	6.18
Intl Port Tst	89.90	95.07	-0.36	0.37
Global Tech	230.98	245.83	-7.18	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Emerging	177.22	189.51	-1.63	2.43
European	522.69	554.20	-1.40	0.63
European Income #	82.92	87.75	-0.52	2.32

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	163.79	175.74	-2.19	3.54
Eur Sp Sits	78.73	84.19†	-0.51	0.65
-do- Accum	84.34	90.19	-0.34	0.61
Japan Trust	209.36	223.40	-2.56	
Japan Special Sits	208.50	220.38†	-0.66	
Pacific Smlr Cos	230.87	247.13†	-1.37	0.09
North American	264.68	281.21	-0.46	0.27
American Smaller	132.57	141.71	-0.25	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	107.56	112.61	-0.07	1.85
Capital	184.65	193.35	-0.35	1.43
Dollar	425.35	445.40	-0.49	
Enterprise Gth	362.17	379.24†	-0.05	1.35
European	242.08	253.50	-2.90	0.39
Far East	308.72	323.27	-2.97	
Financial	879.98	921.42†	-7.94	1.53
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.91	26.95	-0.08	6.59
High Yield	106.85	111.99	+0.07	3.96
Income & Growth	152.57	159.75	+0.76	3.10
Int. Stkmkt	281.89	284.70	-0.43	
Japanese General	202.90	212.46	-1.56	
Japan Tech	89.13	93.33	+0.98	0.04
Nat Resources	78.04	81.72	-0.09	
Portfolio	77.63	81.28	+0.24	1.38
Smaller Cos	141.41	148.08	-0.56	1.46
Special Sits	168.35	176.29†	-0.81	1.26
UK Emerging Cos	102.63	107.46†	-0.37	0.64
US Smaller Cos	117.38	123.03	-2.80	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	108.60	113.80†		6.00
Capital	642.30	685.50†	-8.30	2.25
Income #	599.80	639.90	+1.80	5.10
Footsie Fund	58.48	58.77	-0.10	2.80
Tokio Index	114.60	122.30†	-0.38	3.05
UK Index	149.20	159.22	+0.30	2.91
International Funds				
American Growth	542.80	577.70	-1.30	0.37
American Index	237.10	251.90	-0.80	1.05
European Growth	121.20	129.10	-0.60	0.16
Eurotrack 100	172.30	183.00	-1.00	1.06
Global Bond	22.03	23.25	-0.06	5.20
Japan Growth	271.30	289.40†	-6.30	
Japan Index	76.02	81.13	-2.56	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	30.15	32.18	-1.00	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	58.61	62.56	-0.12	0.20
Hong Kong Gwth	111.90	118.40	-0.80	1.33
Spore & Mlysn Gth	74.49	79.50	-0.95	
Tiger Index	200.90	214.40†	-1.00	1.05
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UP Specialist Trust:				
UK Smaller Cos	38.99	40.53	-0.22	1.13
General Funds:				
Managed	78.36	81.46	-0.47	1.11
Robert Child Fnd	91.61	95.23	+0.88	2.23
UK Growth	64.45	67.00	+0.10	2.21
High Income Funds:				
UK Extra Inc	83.52	86.82	+0.22	8.61
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.28	27.12†	+0.11	8.42
UK Inc & Gwth	43.24	44.95	+0.06	3.47
UK Income	348.10	361.90	-1.40	4.78
Overseas Growth Funds:				
American Growth	54.84	56.88†	-0.08	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	134.30	139.60	-0.90	
-do- Accum	135.70	141.10	-0.90	
Europa Gth	162.70	169.50	-1.20	
-do- Accum	189.20	196.30	-1.20	
Euro Smaller Cos	33.41	34.73†	-0.29	
French Growth	78.77	81.97	-0.32	0.15
-do- Accum	84.53	87.83	-0.34	0.15
H Kong & China	82.59	85.85	+0.48	7.56
Intl Growth	60.80	63.20	-0.42	0.47
-do- Accum	61.31	63.73	-0.42	0.47
Japan Gth	30.94	32.16	-1.91	
-do- Accum	30.94	32.16	-1.01	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.63	39.12†	-1.00	
Glob Emg Mkts	95.33	99.10	-0.19	
-do- Accum	96.01	99.80	-0.20	
SE Asia	315.90	328.40	-1.40	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.03	56.72†	-0.25	6.11
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	192.30	204.90	+0.10	
Income	178.22	189.59	-0.99	3.22
UK Growth	67.73	72.05	-0.25	0.49
International	82.41	87.66	-0.14	0.07
Ecology	90.72	96.50†	-0.51	1.11
European	139.76	148.68	-0.82	
Far Eastern	294.90	313.70	-5.10	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	96.95	100.30		7.67
Gilt Yield	115.10	121.30†	+0.60	7.30

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Income	216.60	231.46†	-3.10	3.76
High Yield	141.30	151.30	-3.30	5.97
-do- Accum	438.00	468.30	-16.20	5.91
Smlr Cos Div	56.07	59.95†	-1.51	2.83
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	112.30	[illegible]	-3.20	
Asian Growth	316.21	338.40	-7.71	0.25
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-7.80	0.25
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.79	0.25
European Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	0.19
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.45
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.45
Global Sml Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	-9.50	
Japanese Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.70	
Macro Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.16
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.54
UK Index Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.50	3.75
Eastern Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
British Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.38	5.11
Inc & Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	64.44	63.55†	-0.53	1.43
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	121.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.55
Recovery Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.29	[illegible]
European Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
American Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash	51.53	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Inc/Gth	[illegible]	454.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Sml Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Euro Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	62.49	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Money Mkt	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.650
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.53	2.53
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.53
Equity Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.59	4.48
UK Tactical Alloc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.56
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.36
Gilt	29.59	[illegible]	-0.22	5.41
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.70
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.24
UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.37
US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.55
European Index	80.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.13
Japan Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.56
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 2379 Dealing 0800 [illegible]				
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Far East	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.45
European	97.36	[illegible]		[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Intl Currency Bd	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
SE Asia	[illegible]	[illegible]		
UK Cap Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	[illegible]
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.50	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont Euro Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.95	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.92	[illegible]
Extra Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.08
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.58
FTSE 100 Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.45	[illegible]
FTSE 100 Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
German Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Growth Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.20	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-7.20	[illegible]
H Income Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.32
H Income Acc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.32
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.80	3.54
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.54
Income Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	575.10	611.90	-2.20	4.61
Japan Growth	108.40	113.20	-2.70	..
-do- Accum	105.80	113.70	-2.10	..
Macro Trust	61.63	65.57	+0.01	1.34
-do- Accum	70.03	74.50	-0.02	1.34
N American Gen	209.08	222.40	-0.50	0.77
-do- Accum	241.60	257.10	-0.80	0.77
NAm Sml Cd Rec	167.32	178.00	-0.40	
-do- Accum	170.80	181.80	-0.60	
Pacific Basin	265.70	282.70	+1.10	0.48
-do- Accum	282.20	300.30	+1.10	0.48
Small Cos Rec	427.30	449.80	-0.40	1.82
-do- Accum	570.70	607.10	-0.50	1.82
UK Growth	92.85	98.59	+0.49	2.21
-do- Accum	114.40	121.80	+0.50	2.21
Worldwide Gth	329.90	351.00	-5.00	...
-do- Accum	486.60	517.70	-3.00	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	76.25	81.78	+0.10	0.40
General	95.81	102.80	-0.22	2.40
Income	68.12	73.09†	+0.21	5.39
International	67.92	72.87	-0.24	0.50
Japan	55.76	59.82	-1.46	
Tst of Inv Tsts	78.79	76.85†	-0.40	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	452.80	478.80	+3.10	0.39
-do- Accum	565.20	597.70	-3.90	0.39
Amer Recovery	520.00	550.80	+1.80	0.37
-do- Accum	599.50	633.00	+2.10	0.37
Amer Smlr Cos	145.50	153.90	+1.30	...
-do- Accum	148.70	157.30	+1.30	
Australasian	165.30	174.80†	+1.70	2.27
-do- Accum	204.80	215.70†	+2.00	2.27
Capital	888.70	940.30	+1.20	2.79
-do- Accum	1040.00	1093.00	+1.50	2.79
Charifund	732.50	739.90	+2.20	5.79
-do- Accum	2530.10	2565.50	-10.90	5.79
Commodity	416.90	440.90	+4.70	0.50
-do- Accum	613.90	649.40	+7.00	0.50
Compound Gth	1028.60	1087.70	+3.20	2.86
-do- Accum	1092.90	1155.70	+3.40	2.86
Dividend	43.60	46.10	+0.30	4.26
-do- Accum	185.90	196.50	+1.00	4.26
Equity Income	355.30	375.70	+1.40	4.74
-do- Accum	471.50	498.70	+1.80	4.74
Euro & General	540.00	571.00	-0.28	1.19
-do- Accum	688.20	727.80	-0.20	1.19
Euro Dividend	73.90	78.10	-0.10	3.92
-do- Accum	91.10	96.30	-0.10	3.92
Euro Yield	434.20	459.20†	+2.20	4.90
-do- Accum	1405.30	1487.20†	-6.90	4.90
Far Eastern	346.90	366.80†	-2.80	0.81
-do- Accum	462.70	489.20†	-3.60	0.81
Fund of Inv Tsts	655.40	693.10	-6.40	1.83
-do- Accum	1236.60	1307.80	-12.10	1.83
General	64.80	68.50	+0.30	3.84
-do- Accum	184.80	195.30	+0.60	3.84
Gilt Income	58.65	59.73	+0.01	7.40
-do- Accum	170.67	170.91	-0.03	7.40
Gold	68.60	72.50	+0.80	0.80
-do- Accum	81.30	86.00	+0.90	0.80
High Income	31.00	32.80	+0.20	4.52
-do- Accum	127.20	134.50	+0.50	4.52
Intl Growth	91.00	95.70		0.86
-do- Accum	142.30	150.60		0.86
International Inc	104.70	110.70	+0.40	4.45
-do- Accum	157.60	166.60	+0.60	4.45
Japan & Gen	40.30	42.60	-1.10	
-do- Accum	43.30	45.70	-1.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	141.20	149.30	-2.90	
-do- Accum	142.20	150.40	-2.90	
Managed Gwth	25.20	26.60		1.71
Managed Income	28.82	30.20†	+0.10	4.10
Midland	65.30	69.10	-0.70	3.12
-do- Accum	220.80	233.70	-2.20	3.12
Pension Ex	1005.40	1030.60	-3.70	4.21
Recovery	45.20	47.80	+0.10	2.55
-do- Accum	75.20	79.80	-0.10	2.55
Second General	74.30	78.60	-0.30	3.58
-do- Accum	195.30	206.60	+0.70	3.58
Smaller Cos	71.80	75.90	-0.10	3.09
-do- Accum	144.80	153.10	-0.10	3.09
Sterling Fd Int	24.40	24.30†	-0.02	8.20
Treasury	25.09	25.13†	+0.01	6.32
Trustee	43.40	45.90	+0.20	4.37
-do- Accum	177.50	188.10	+0.80	4.37
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.75	91.22†	-1.39	1.38
Intl Bond	65.45	68.83	-0.12	5.72
Intl Equity Growth	77.70	82.53	-0.80	0.67
N Amer Growth	112.80	120.00†	+0.17	0.96
Special Sits Growth	23.20	24.68†	+0.14	2.17
UK Growth	401.96	427.61†	-3.67	2.89
-do- Accum	538.32	572.68	+2.50	2.69
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1398.19	1423.60	-9.60	3.00
Income #	1003.50	1018.30	-13.60	4.39
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	151.60	155.50		3.90
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pflio	163.20	171.80	-0.12	2.11
-do- Accum	188.80	198.80	-0.13	2.11
UK Sel Pflio	142.90	150.40	-0.07	2.44
-do- Accum	168.10	177.00	-0.07	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	69.31	73.74†		3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.84	80.30†	-0.21	3.99
European	90.67	96.35	-0.08	0.95
Income #	78.42	83.25	+0.26	4.35
N/P American	75.72	80.28	-0.47	0.58
Far East	166.00	176.20	-1.00	0.10
Japan	57.36	60.89	-1.72	
Emerg Mkts	67.72	33.82	-0.25	
Intl Growth	115.30	122.30†	-1.30	0.92
UK Growth	104.90	111.40	-0.20	1.33
UK Smlr Co	51.22	54.49	+0.01	7.51
Asian Opps Fd	37.19	39.77	+0.01	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	53.98	57.30†	-0.40	0.43
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	434.40	462.13†	+2.01	5.13
Global Inc	70.53	75.03†	-0.14	3.17
Eng Leaders	371.29	394.99†	+1.45	2.98
Intl Leaders	207.23	220.46†	-0.14	1.04
PAM Mgd Bal Gth	66.70	69.32†	+0.29	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2950				
American	229.70	243.20	-0.300	
-do- Accum	245.50	260.00	-0.300	
American Opps	111.40	118.60	-1.100	
-do- Accum	112.80	120.30	-1.200	
British Blue Chip	83.69	88.32†	+0.430	2.70
-do- Accum	105.90	112.50†	-0.600	2.70
Cash	101.60	101.60		6.43
-do- Accum	147.80	147.80	+0.100	6.43
Emerging Mkts	108.50	114.50	-0.90	0.12
-do- Accum	152.20	113.30	-0.90	0.12
European Growth	287.50	283.00	+0.700	0.16
-do- Accum	290.30	307.10	+0.800	0.16
European Income	85.64	90.41	+0.150	3.18
-do- Accum	119.00	125.50	+0.200	3.18
General	543.30	578.40†	+3.000	2.14
-do- Accum	1084.00	1153.00†	-6.000	2.14
Global Bond	127.90	134.40†	-0.20	5.49
-do- Accum	161.10	168.30†	-0.20	5.49
Gold & General	216.10	232.40	+1.000	0.39
-do- Accum	223.20	240.00	+1.000	0.39
Govt Securities	90.03	94.88	+0.290	6.18
-do- Accum	183.50	189.20	-0.800	6.18
High Yield Bd	98.68	102.10	-0.10	7.08
-do- Accum	98.68	102.10	-0.10	7.08
Income	165.00	175.20	+6.600	4.05
-do- Accum	263.90	280.30	+1.300	4.05
Inc Portfolio #	102.30	108.30†	+0.200	4.85
-do- Accum #	106.70	113.10†	+0.300	4.85
Intl Opps	490.80	523.50	+1.000	0.17
-do- Accum	657.60	701.40	+1.300	0.17
Japan	165.50	175.90	-4.10	
-do- Accum	169.90	180.30	-4.20	
New Europe	198.60	209.90	+1.400	0.96
-do- Accum	202.80	216.30	+1.400	0.96
Pacific	111.10	118.50	+0.200	0.85
-do- Accum	119.20	127.10	-0.100	0.85
Recovery	320.90	342.30	-1.00	0.76
-do- Accum	412.70	440.20	-1.30	0.76
UK Smaller Cos	57.64	61.48†	-1.40	0.84
-do- Accum	65.82	70.21†	-1.57	0.84
Portfolio	84.37	85.56†	+0.190	2.58
-do- Accum	101.60	107.80†	+0.200	2.58
Managed Gth	105.70	110.60	+0.100	1.72
Managed Inc	109.30	113.40	+0.400	3.92
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Euro-Growth Fits	126.04	134.09	+0.37	0.16
Portfolio	73.97	75.50	+25.50	1.59
UK Income Inc	81.93	87.85		4.31
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126				
Balanced	62.77	65.73†	-1.27	2.93
-do- Accum	68.63	71.73†	-0.42	2.93
British Tst	93.78	97.88	-0.06	1.94
-do- Accum	109.40	114.50		1.94
Extra High Inc	68.47	71.70†	-1.09	6.67
-do- Accum	138.30	144.80†	-0.10	6.67
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.22	63.05	+0.10	2.62
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.41	61.16	-0.10	2.62
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.64	56.48†	-0.27	7.25
-do- Accum	164.62	171.30†	+0.60	7.29
High Yield	228.70	239.50	+0.20	4.82
-do- Accum	588.00	615.70	+0.60	5.22
Income	297.60	311.60	-0.70	3.90
-do- Accum	669.30	700.60	+1.70	3.90
Money Market UT	49.56	49.56	+0.01	5.50
-do- Accum	79.51	79.53	+0.02	5.50
Monthly Income	87.94	92.08†	+0.74	4.22
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	114.30	121.90		1.61
European Growth	110.20	118.89	-0.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	90.48	95.99	+1.33	5.78
Income	91.09	96.90	+0.27	2.54

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	48.89	52.89	+0.24	
Managed	74.34	79.09	+0.01	2.22
Money Market	89.77	95.15	+0.09	4.32
North American	109.30	105.30	..	0.42
Midland FS/WCS Unit Trust				
British	103.70	110.30	...	1.60
European Growth	103.60	109.70	-0.80	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.68	91.11	+0.31	5.77
Income	89.36	95.05	+0.27	2.78
Japan Growth	49.67	52.85	+0.23	
Managed	71.08	75.60	+0.01	2.32
Money Market	82.84	87.81	+0.02	4.18
North American	98.73	98.17		0.61
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.60	110.10	+0.18	1.59
European Growth	101.10	107.20	-0.70	
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.22	84.05	+0.28	5.87
Income	87.91	93.52	+0.26	2.73
Japan Growth	50.79	53.84	+0.24	
Managed	73.67	78.59	+0.01	2.21
Money Market	77.27	81.90	+0.02	4.25
North American	101.40	107.50		0.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.64	15.52		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0723				
American Gwth	414.50	440.20	-0.10	...
European Gth Inc	594.90	637.20	+3.80	...
-do- Accum	601.40	644.20	+3.80	...
Intl Gwth	218.80	224.40	-1.10	
UK Equity Inc	200.60	213.09†	-2.60	2.93
UK Ind Tckr Inc	172.90	184.80	+0.78	2.70
-do- Accum	208.60	222.46	+0.90	2.70
US Eq Ind Tck Inc	235.30	249.20†	+0.10	1.07
Japan Tracker	71.98	76.42	-2.30	
Asian Trader	209.60	227.10†	-0.16	0.23
Managed Inc	168.40	179.70		2.14
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01†	+0.03	6.26
Europa	231.80	249.49	+1.20	
Genesis	175.10	190.30	-9.80	1.68
High Income	21.28	22.57†	-0.53	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	100.10	102.20	+0.10	2.47
Acumen Inc	93.70	95.70	+0.10	2.47
Acumen Reserve	87.45	88.32	+0.18	7.89
-do- Inc	72.80	73.53	+0.16	7.89
American Growth	179.20	184.80	+1.80	..
Cash Income	49.87	49.87†	+0.02	5.99
Equity Income #	98.65	101.30†	+0.70	4.84
European	74.27	75.85†	+0.22	0.58
Smaller Cos	84.65	88.74	-0.03	1.21
Wwide Eqty	88.04	88.64	-0.69	0.46
Global Bond	44.98	48.45	+0.02	6.60
UK Growth	101.30	103.90	+0.50	2.04
Pacific Growth	109.80	112.60	+0.20	0.29
Japan Growth	97.85	99.52	-2.48	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 810				
Avon Equity	130.65	139.03	+0.41	2.59
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	78.12	83.11	+0.17	2.18
UK Income	115.19	122.54	+0.31	3.89
Higher Income	220.23	234.28	+0.17	5.20
Smaller Cos	90.34	96.11†	-0.81	1.83
International	102.08	108.60	-0.08	1.60
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	118.60	126.20	+0.40	0.28
European Dist	126.90	135.00	-0.10	..
Far East Dist	183.80	195.50	-1.10	..
Global Care Dist	79.21	84.27	-0.17	0.60
Oseas Dist	1078.70	1147.60†	-8.20	0.09
-do- Accum	1403.90	1493.50	-10.80	0.09
UK Dist	378.40	402.60	+1.00	2.39
-do- Accum	751.30	799.30	+2.20	2.39
UK Enqy Inc Dist	84.78	90.19†	+0.60	3.38
Wwide Dist	111.40	118.50†	-1.80	0.40
Wwide Inc Dist	75.50	80.32†	-1.61	2.28
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 366				
Europe Inc	68.82	72.63	-0.43	0.44
Fund of Funds Inc	62.53	65.78	-0.07	0.79
North America Inc	61.20	64.59	+0.20	0.40
UK Equity Gth Inc	62.92	66.41	+0.14	1.89
-do- Accum	66.10	69.76	+0.14	1.89
UK General Inc	61.38	64.78†	-0.95	2.72
UK Glt/Fx Int Inc	46.53	48.01†	-0.91	7.47
UK Income Inc	60.79	64.16	+0.19	3.37
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Gwth Tst	41.20	44.06		0.24
-do- Accum	41.51	44.39		0.24
Bond	120.32	127.75	+0.56	5.90
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.000		2.20
Cash Income	50.60	50.86	+0.02	5.87
-do- Accum	66.07	66.87	+0.03	5.87
Distributor	97.25	103.50†	+0.08	4.55
European Gwth	45.28	48.30	-0.41	0.18
Foundation	108.48	106.87†	+0.23	2.35
General	201.14	213.98	-0.02	1.64
Global	335.49	356.90†	-1.99	0.36
Growth	132.90	141.38†	-2.16	2.67
Higher Income Inc	29.35	31.22†	+0.09	3.95
-do- Accum	34.31	36.49†	+0.11	3.95
Income	247.27	263.05†	-1.27	3.25
Intrepid	128.71	134.07		2.02
Japan Gwth	25.06	26.65	-0.58	
Managed Tst Inc	50.90	54.53	+0.09	2.14
-do- Accum	54.35	58.12	+0.08	2.14
Oriental Opps Inc	149.93	159.47	-0.61	0.23
-do- Accum	144.58	153.81	-0.59	0.23
Pers Intl Gwth	31.70	33.72	-0.15	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	34.72	37.13	+0.02	0.61
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	78.89	84.48	+0.14	1.63
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 7300				
Managed	104.00	110.00		2.33
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	129.53	136.35†	-0.38	1.37
UK Equity	149.25	157.11†	+0.09	3.06
UK Equity Income	140.70	148.11	+0.38	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	125.95	132.58	-0.26	1.81
UK Equity Growth	139.59	147.36†	+0.11	2.11
UK Index Trckg	152.16	160.17†	+0.53	3.44
Intl Index Trckg	153.94	162.04†	-1.89	1.07
International	252.40	265.68	-2.29	0.49
European	218.02	229.49	-1.77	0.24
Pan European	148.52	154.23	-0.44	1.37
Nth American	202.22	212.86	-0.10	0.18
N Amer Smlr Cos	221.88	232.63	+0.57	
Japanese	88.31	94.61	-2.03	
Pacific	230.71	242.85	-2.35	0.58
South East Asian	259.41	272.64†	-2.30	0.65
Intl Bond	137.18	144.40	-0.65	4.51
Gilt & Convertible	105.08	110.59	+0.35	6.41
Property	79.15	83.32	+0.04	6.66
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	266.70	287.40	-1.40	0.17
-do- Accum	282.30	304.10	-1.50	0.17
Japan Inc	99.85	106.50†	-2.09	
Nth American Inc	118.60	127.00	-0.80	0.44
Worldwide Inc	165.50	177.80†	-0.70	0.23
Hong Kong Inc	145.60	156.30	+1.10	1.69
Swiss Equities Inc	80.53	86.07	-0.58	
Wwide Bond Inc	63.53	67.21†	+0.01	5.18
Emerg Asia Inc	210.50	239.20	-2.60	0.30
-do- Accum	211.30	231.00	-2.10	0.30
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.39	50.39	+0.01	6.35
Thailand Inc	165.20	182.30	-0.70	1.45
Gold Trust Inc	77.61	85.70	+0.69	..
New Zealand Inc	90.20	96.96†	-4.34	2.18
Int Mngd PEP Inc	65.25	70.15	-0.11	1.67
Latin Am Corp Inc	59.22	64.17	+0.27	0.35
UK All Sh Idx Inc	63.66	68.27	+0.10	2.68
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trackers	82.66	88.41	+0.46	
Global Portfolio	73.39	78.58	+0.47	
Global Opps	67.51	72.20	+0.25	
March Global Gth	65.43	69.28	-2.09	
AIM Global Equity	55.18	58.46	-0.82	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	100.60	107.30	+0.18	
Temple Equity Inc	46.29	50.38	+0.05	2.33
Harbey Crown	88.63	94.29	+3.43	
Intl Growth Inc	89.20	95.40†	+0.40	1.10
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.67	94.83	+0.51	
St Jms Mersec Inc	47.36	48.28	+0.04	
Premier Pfolio Inc	67.68	72.38	-0.05	1.98
Roxburgh Star Gth	74.78	79.98	+0.08	0.64
Tech Analysts	114.20	121.50	+0.49	..
Rosebery Growth	53.25	57.00	+0.11	0.86
International Star	81.02	86.65	+0.49	
UFC Int-Act Gth	57.97	62.04	+0.26	
Coverdale Tagget	51.94	55.11	+0.33	
Prem Equity Inc	112.30	122.60		0.81
Lowes Intl Growth	48.27	51.86	-0.30	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	252.20	273.60	+1.30	2.64
-do- Accum	558.00	585.00	+2.80	2.64
Growth	166.50	175.30	-0.60	2.62
Income	246.40	264.20†	-3.90	3.72
Intl Equity	263.58	280.20†	-0.80	0.77
-do- Accum	293.30	312.00	-0.80	0.77
UK Income	83.29	73.71	+0.38	3.20
UK Intl 25	85.30	98.74	+0.25	2.11
New Europe	86.10	91.59	-0.25	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	628.94	672.67	-6.33	0.58
-do- Accum	630.60	674.44	-3.35	0.58
Income	391.95	419.20	-5.66	3.13
Wwide Recovery	410.39	438.91	-2.56	0.69
Amer Growth Inc	249.63	267.09	-0.79	0.81
-do- Accum	249.69	267.05	-0.79	0.81
Intl Emerging Cos	254.61	272.32	-1.02	0.15
Far Eastn Gwth Inc	284.61	304.40	-2.46	0.37
-do- Accum	284.61	304.40	-2.46	0.37
Euro Gwth Inc	164.34	175.77	-0.01	0.13
-do- Accum	164.76	176.22	-0.01	0.13
UK Growth Inc	101.43	108.49	+0.34	2.73
-do- Accum	106.71	114.13	+0.35	2.73
High Income	104.74	112.03	+0.23	3.96
Jap Gwth Inc	203.61	216.82	-6.32	0.01
-do- Accum	203.67	216.82	-6.32	0.01
PEP Growth	129.63	137.63	-0.57	0.88
Asian Str Mkts Inc	126.36	135.79	-0.07	0.39
-do- Accum	126.96	135.79	-0.07	0.39
Amer Smlr Co Inc	162.90	174.23	-0.46	0.81
-do- Accum	162.90	174.23	-0.46	0.01
Global Bond	55.56	58.52†	+0.15	5.83
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.65	97.38	+0.04	1.64
-do- Accum	95.80	102.46	+0.04	1.64
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	116.78	124.23	+1.04	
European	81.87	86.24†	+0.64	
Global	85.80	78.70	+0.46	
Pacific	59.33	63.12	+0.26	
Uk Inc & Gth	69.64	74.09†	+0.24	2.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	175.92	186.16	-1.02	0.64
Emerg Mkts	47.03	49.79	-0.02	1.04
High Income #	52.37	55.42†	-0.02	8.10
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.90	73.03†		2.68
Growth Income	70.89	75.34	+0.03	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	151.18	160.83†	+0.86	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries 0171 280 3700 Dealing 0800 282 440				
American Income	103.50	110.10	+0.28	3.68
Com & Gilt	114.90	122.20†		5.99
European Income	77.70	82.66	-0.04	3.03
Extra Income	164.90	175.45†	-0.63	3.76
-do- Accum	207.60	220.80	+0.80	3.76
Far East	394.60	420.00†	-2.30	0.18
-do- Accum	403.70	429.60	-7.40	0.18
Global Income	26.18	27.49	+0.05	4.97
High Income	177.70	189.60	+0.46	3.30
-do- Accum	153.00	164.90	+0.56	3.30
International	202.31	215.30†	-3.60	0.64
-do- Accum	208.30	222.70	-2.38	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	43.65	45.44		7.38
Recovery	78.29	83.29	+0.58	2.52

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	124.80	132.80	+0.40	1.83
-do- Accum	135.70	144.40	+0.50	1.83
Technology	601.00	639.40	-2.10	..
UK Blue Chip	76.87	80.92†	+0.37	2.57
-do- Accum	88.62	92.37	+0.43	2.57
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 398 8968				
Equity Gth	214.80	228.50	+0.80	1.34
European Gth	109.60	116.00	+0.30	0.99
Income & Gth #	146.20	155.60†	-0.40	3.17
Japan Gth	111.10	118.20	-3.00	..
Nth Amer Gth	177.00	188.30	+1.20	0.14
Overseas Gth	105.30	112.60	-0.40	..
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	40.37	41.63	-0.08	1.79
Cash Haven Inc	101.45	101.94†	+0.03	5.73
Cash Haven Acc	114.21	114.77†	+0.04	5.73
Dist Trust Inc	101.15	104.81	-0.41	6.52
Dist Trust Acc	108.09	112.00	-0.26	6.32
Global Growth	95.47	101.56	-0.26	1.47
Equity Inc	85.84	91.81†	+0.34	3.21
Equity	794.63	845.25	+1.82	2.24
European	251.54	239.93	-1.74	0.79
High Income	90.13	95.88†	-0.31	5.85
Intl Gth	198.58	211.25	-0.86	0.91
Intl Sml Co	85.27	90.71†	-0.58	0.48
Japanese	204.19	212.42†	-5.48	..
Nth Amer	200.78	208.04	+0.17	1.19
Pacific Mkts	108.98	113.86	-0.16	0.29
Premier Inc	47.14	50.10	+0.16	6.80
Sm Cos	100.87	107.30	+0.84	1.42
Spec Sits	116.41	123.84	+0.27	2.61
UK Growth	132.55	140.75†	+0.26	2.28
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	321.80	341.30	+1.40	3.04
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealing: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	808.11	844.14	+2.03	0.39
FA America (Acc)	708.65	753.82	+2.37	0.30
FA UK Equity Inc	168.41	179.38	+1.10	3.45
FA Japan	238.30	254.58	-7.08	
FA Major UK Cos	103.63	109.41	+0.46	2.22
FA Smlr UK Cos	327.47	352.28†	+8.49	1.13
FA European	354.28	376.69	-1.31	0.22
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.71	68.71	+0.22	0.05
FA Asia	49.51	53.50	-0.03	0.05
FA Jap Smlr Cos	41.31	44.15	-0.57	
NM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.28	112.92	+0.58	
UK Smlr Cos	84.53	89.50	+0.14	
UK Income	104.54	110.00	+0.67	
America	121.98	128.39	+0.41	
Japanese	52.80	55.57	-1.65	
European	114.18	120.16	-0.35	
Gilt	92.08	98.92	+0.23	
Deposit	88.82	90.86	+0.04	
Managed	106.37	111.96	+0.11	
NM Fsmic Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.38	109.84	+0.47	
UK Smaller Cos	92.22	97.98	+0.14	
UK Income	101.80	107.24	+0.86	
America	118.61	124.84	+0.48	
Japanese	51.34	54.04	-1.59	
European	111.12	116.96	-0.34	
Gilt	90.86	95.86	+0.27	
Deposit	82.39	86.72	-0.04	
Managed	99.95	104.78	+0.26	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Pelican: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	97.04	103.90†	-0.60	0.18
Pacific Basin	74.85	80.52†	-0.80	
High Inc Dist	143.40	153.29	+0.70	4.28
Ryl Life Intl Cmy	59.48	63.03†	+0.03	4.09
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.79	75.70	-0.27	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	67.08	71.36	-0.25	
UK Emerging Cos	137.00	146.10	+0.36	1.04
UK Index Trckg	178.30	189.90		3.21
European	144.90	158.60	+0.40	
Managed	169.90	172.80	+0.30	0.69
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 784 400				
American Growth	164.90	175.40		1.98
European Growth	122.10	129.40†		2.17
Far East Growth	136.80	145.60		2.19
Japan Growth	129.10	137.20		
Special Sits	223.20	237.50†		1.17
UK Growth	86.45	91.86		2.25
Wtrloo General	258.10	275.70		1.34
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	180.20	189.40	-1.80	0.35
Gt Euro Prog Inc	359.48	379.30	-0.70	0.20
-do- Accum	357.20	382.60	-1.10	0.20
Growth Inc	144.60	153.00	-0.38	0.32
-do- Accum	148.20	156.80	-0.30	0.32
International Inc	368.80	390.30	+1.20	0.25
-do- Accum	508.40	538.00	+1.60	0.25
Nth Am & Intl Inc	356.80	379.50	+2.80	0.51
UK Gen Prog Inc	241.20	255.20	+0.80	1.13
-do- Accum	271.30	287.10	+0.60	1.13
UK High Inc Inc	139.10	147.20	+0.20	3.27
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	75.30	80.10	-0.93	
Asian Gwth	112.28	119.44	+0.29	0.75
European Gwth	78.22	81.08	-0.50	1.08
Global Bd	58.45	61.74†	-0.18	5.00
Global Eq	62.10	66.06	-0.78	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	55.86	59.42	-1.44	
UK Gwth	71.54	76.10	+0.13	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	80.28	85.40		3.40
Amer Smlr Cos	138.30	147.10		
Asian Smaller Cos	43.58	46.38		
Capital Portfolio	134.90	143.50		1.80
Cash	129.60	129.60†		5.24
China Dragon	59.85	63.67		1.12
Commodity	131.40	139.80		0.08
Eastern Discovery	100.30	105.50		
Emerging Mkts	38.48	40.92		
Energy Inds	132.30	140.70		0.47
European Gwth	204.60	217.50		0.17
Euro Inc & Gwth #	82.87	82.31		1.63
Euro Smlr Cos	61.04	64.94		0.06
Extra Income #	54.24	55.35	+0.06	5.65
Financial Secs	267.20	282.30	+1.40	2.27
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	56.11	59.34†	+0.10	8.04
Gold & Exploration	86.61	92.14	+1.12	
High Return #	241.80	257.60	+0.30	3.69
High Yield #	240.90	256.30†	+0.30	3.59
Income #	124.76	132.70	+0.20	4.23
Intl Bond	166.50	175.98†		5.63
ITU	220.30	234.40†	-0.48	1.03
Japan Growth	165.30	175.80†	-4.40	
Japan Smaller	169.00	179.80	-3.50	
Korea	68.31	72.67	-0.60	
Masterland	37.95	61.85	-0.21	0.88
Scotbits	357.30	380.10	+1.70	1.88
Scotshares #	322.40	343.00		1.90
Scotyields #	256.60	273.00†	+0.20	3.24
Select Intl	146.80	156.30†	-0.40	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	255.80	271.99†	-0.80	3.44
SE Asia	82.32	55.60	-1.61	0.04
Special Situation	140.80	149.60	+0.10	1.82
UK Equity #	268.70	283.70	+0.90	3.43
UK Growth	71.30	75.95	+0.08	1.84
UK & O'seas	177.20	188.50		1.14
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	53.33	56.73	-0.01	2.39
US Growth	177.20	188.50	+0.70	0.28
Uter Growth	145.30	154.60	-0.20	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	297.19	309.05	-2.26	0.83
-do- Accum	318.86	338.41	-2.48	0.83
European Gwth	81.26	86.31	-0.28	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	88.84	93.89	-0.29	0.45
Far Eastern Gth	100.44	107.13	-1.46	..
-do- Accum	182.25	189.07	-1.48	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.47	53.11†	+0.13	7.93
Global Bond #	51.59	53.31	-0.11	7.17
-do- Accum #	56.03	59.66	-0.13	7.17
Global Emer Mkts	52.05	55.51†	-0.34	0.09
-do- Accum	52.09	55.55†	-0.35	0.09
Income #	367.85	392.15†	+0.70	5.09
-do- Accum #	611.85	612.75†	+2.29	5.09
Japan Smlr Cos	423.23	451.44	-11.94	..
-do- Accum	424.08	452.35	-11.15	..
Japan Enterprise	66.73	71.17†	-1.87	..
Pacific Gwth	136.70	145.81†	-0.92	0.25
-do- Accum	141.12	150.52†	-0.95	0.25
Portfolio	86.24	91.98†	-0.26	1.95
-do- Accum	94.29	100.56†	-0.31	1.95
Seoul	49.83	54.20	-0.83	
-do- Accum	49.83	54.20	-0.83	
Smaller Cos	244.17	260.44	+0.39	1.26
Tokyo	117.08	124.89†	-3.76	..
-do- Accum	118.26	126.14†	-3.80	..
UK Enterprise	280.44	309.86	-0.15	2.09
-do- Accum	359.59	374.39	-0.18	2.09
UK Equity	263.48	280.95	-0.20	2.85
-do- Accum	518.73	553.34	-0.39	2.85
US Smlr Cos	195.80	208.92	-0.39	...
-do- Accum	56.57	58.92	-0.26	0.50
Institutional Funds				
European	257.63	287.78	-0.71	1.46
-do- Accum	268.22	285.55	+0.79	1.45
Euro Smlr Cos	31.22	32.59	-0.05	1.43
-do- Accum	33.25	34.63	-0.06	1.43
Global Equity Inc	83.75	87.28	-0.57	0.97
Japan Smlr Cos	35.41	38.88	-0.69	0.13
-do- Accum	35.71	37.19	-0.70	0.13
Mngd Balanced	204.06	212.58	-0.07	2.93
-do- Accum	232.69	242.63	-0.08	2.93
Overseas Equity	201.95	210.36	-0.71	1.16
-do- Accum	209.80	218.54	-0.74	1.16
Dmstc Smlr Cos	130.49	135.92†	-0.57	0.88
-do- Accum	136.79	142.49†	-0.60	0.89
Pacific	255.58	266.22	+0.10	1.34
-do- Accum	279.69	291.24	+0.21	1.34
Recovery	120.16	121.80	-0.84	3.80
-do- Accum	121.67	122.57	-0.81	3.80
UK Index	169.23	176.28	+0.76	3.88
-do- Accum	208.81	217.51	+0.92	3.88
Uk Small Cos	123.12	128.24†	+0.88	2.76
-do- Accum	133.58	139.15†	+0.11	2.76
US Smlr Cos	55.55	57.86	-0.27	0.58
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	53.95	57.05	+0.60	3.46
Equity Trust	67.84	71.53	+0.02	3.14
Equity Strategy	75.69	80.46	+0.33	1.27
European Opps	95.66	101.16	-0.01	1.25
UK Smaller Cos	71.23	75.31	+0.19	1.19
Mortgage Inc	98.76	101.33	+0.05	6.46
Japanese	74.29	78.56	-2.85	
Asia Pacific	126.40	133.67	-0.73	3.50
American	118.26	125.08	-0.20	0.89
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.63	31.63		6.226
UK General Inc	56.16	59.91	+0.29	2.84
-do- Accum	73.85	78.78	+0.28	2.84
Intl Income	274.80	293.56†	-1.62	1.09
-do- Accum	478.40	511.60†	+1.29	1.09
European	86.91	92.08	-0.25	1.79
Japan	85.37	89.97	-2.48	0.14
American	79.28	84.00	-0.84	2.01
Far East	86.40	92.16	-0.09	1.12
Ethical Inc	33.04	35.34	+0.07	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.76	39.28	+0.17	2.81
High Inc Inc	38.20	40.75	+0.07	3.84
Uk Global Inc	43.19	46.16	+0.04	1.75
Wwide Tech	73.65	78.56†	-0.49	1.32
Europe 2000 Tact	97.78	81.46	+0.07	1.45
Technology	134.46	143.10†	-0.08	1.84
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	424.60	453.60		2.78
American	302.30	322.10	-1.30	0.82
Pacific	384.60	411.70	-7.10	0.49
European	587.80	626.00	-4.20	1.40
Worldwide	93.18	98.88	-1.14	0.64
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	294.30	313.10	+0.40	2.30
-do- Accum	378.30	400.30	+0.40	2.30
Uk Sr Co Eq Inc	227.00	241.50	+0.58	1.78
-do- Accum	275.50	293.10	-0.60	1.78
Select Opptys Inc	76.80	82.14†	-0.02	1.98
Income Plus Inc	75.89	80.59†	+0.40	3.95
European Inc	378.20	393.90	-5.80	1.12
-do- Accum	421.70	448.78†	-2.98	1.12
Far Eastern Inc	176.10	187.46	-1.10	0.86
-do- Accum	202.40	215.40†	-0.40	0.86
Japanese Inc	58.67	62.53†	-1.78	..
Nth American Inc	273.80	291.30†	-1.90	0.63
-do- Accum	302.70	322.10†	-1.80	0.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	212.30	226.80	-2.40	0.61
Wwide Venture Inc	84.18	88.56†	-1.12	1.22
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	395.80	421.30	-2.50	2.55
-do- Accum	593.30	632.70	+3.70	2.55
UK High Inc	191.50	204.20	-2.80	3.51
-do- Accum	288.90	306.00	+2.30	2.51
Europe Inc	452.00	481.40	+2.80	0.28
Nth Amer Inc	259.80	277.00	-1.00	..
Global Inc	236.90	252.20	+0.80	0.24
Global Acc	254.60	271.70	+0.70	0.24
UK Spec Sits Inc	109.70	116.90	-0.70	3.23
South East Asia	228.50	243.70	+1.50	0.33
Cash Trust Inc	101.50	101.50	+0.10	5.56
UK Smlr Cos Inc	113.80	121.50		2.03
-do- Accum	117.80	125.70		2.03
Intl Bond Inc	94.56	100.40	+0.50	5.81
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Semper Recovery	150.70	157.80	+0.50	4.23
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	139.50	148.80	-0.20	0.93
Nth American	124.80	131.40	-0.30	..
Intl Bond & Cash	126.20	132.80		6.10
Pooled Pension (E)	207.50	223.10		2.02
Smaller Cos	90.92	95.71	+0.29	1.19
UK General	147.00	154.70	+1.30	1.96
Far Eastern	96.24	101.30†	-0.30	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 8226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	119.33	†	-0.03	
Asiac ‡	68.63	†	+0.01	
European ‡	137.36	†	-0.02	0.20
Global Bond ‡	91.47	†	-3.87	8.64
Improvement Trust ‡	105.27	†	-1.07	2.83
Preferred Income ‡	99.85	†	-1.22	6.00
Sterail ‡	82.05	†	-0.53	
Sterling Reserve ‡	99.90	†	-8.94	6.00
UK Growth ‡	189.54	†	-0.49	2.33
Tst Fnd ‡	99.44	†	..	
UK Emrng Leaders ‡	104.49	†	-1.60	2.84
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.83	†	-1.24	5.83
Sbch Eqty PEP	69.37	73.79	-0.20	
Pref Inc PEP #	97.88	103.70	-1.10	5.03
Inv Trust PEP	52.20	55.53	+0.11	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	381.30	403.50	-0.50	..
Canadian	69.44	73.49	+0.39	0.99
Capital	132.60	141.80	+0.40	1.64
Cash	100.18	100.18†	+0.01	6.06
European	149.20	157.90	+1.70	0.76
Far Eastern	158.90	168.00	+1.30	..
Growth	145.60	154.10	+0.50	1.30
Income	135.20	143.10†	+1.70	5.15
Managed	142.50	152.50	+0.40	1.75
Smlr Secs	438.98	464.40†	+0.70	0.82
Thoroughbred	166.30	176.00	+0.50	1.51
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Capital Reliance	54.36	58.16†	+0.03	0.00
Ethical	66.52	71.52†	+0.18	2.30
European Growth	75.72	81.19	-0.44	3.00
Income	57.70	62.04	-0.03	5.70
Intl Growth	101.70	109.00	-0.70	3.10
Managed	85.91	92.36	-0.21	2.88
UK Growth	68.19	73.31†	-0.01	3.70
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.93	43.15	+0.30	1.73
Global Advtg Acc	43.30	46.54	+0.30	1.73
Income Advtg Inc	33.45	33.62†	+0.30	3.34
Income Advtg Acc	37.73	37.92	+0.30	3.34
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.24	84.00	+0.76	0.74
Premier Inc Inc	47.75	50.26	-0.10	7.50
Premier Inc Acc	47.75	50.25	-0.10	7.50
Managed Acc	56.03	60.40	-0.50	1.41
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.28	40.58	-0.50	3.93
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.02	51.97	+0.60	3.93
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.01	73.33	+0.69	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.38	53.53	+0.10	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.45	32.21	-0.70	8.15
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	338.10	360.00	+2.40	1.81
Nth American Acc	52.27	55.54		0.10
Far East Acc	70.75	75.18	+0.40	0.48
European Acc	56.48	60.03	+0.68	0.56
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (USD)	4.085	4.330		1.96
US Eqty (US$)	2.881	3.058		1.10
Far East Eqty (yen)	245.70	261.00		
Japan Eqties (yen)	215.60	228.00		
FT Europe	139.80	148.50		1.38
FT N Amer (US$)	2.189	2.321		0.49
FT Japan (yen)	211.60	224.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.620	2.783		0.93
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	440.70	467.70	+3.30	
British #	1144.50	1210.00†	+4.60	3.13
Emerging Mkts	137.30	146.40	+0.60	0.45
European	574.70	613.00	-8.10	0.52
Japan	136.60	145.10	-4.30	
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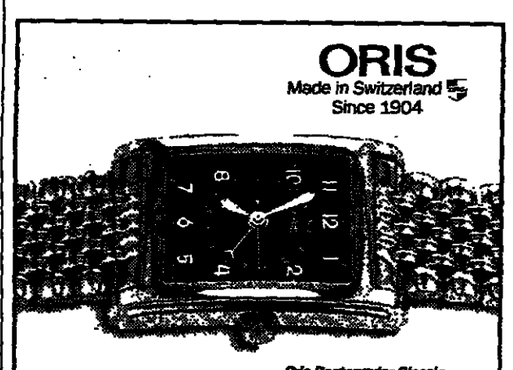
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MICHAEL LE POER TRENCH



Citizens with soul: ten years on, *Les Misérables* still has the power to inspire wonder, and appeal to the higher echelons of the human spirit

When *A Chorus Line* became the longest-running show in Broadway history back in 1983, its producers threw a bash that made the Great Gatsby or Citizen Kane's hospitality look like tea and Spam sandwiches in the church hall. At the end, I recall no fewer than 330 of those who had performed in international productions of the musical singing and dancing all at once on the Shubert Theatre stage in their top hats and spangled coats. Next Sunday, the British impresario Cameron Mackintosh will be doing rather the same for *Les Misérables* in a more spectacular place, the Albert Hall; and, in my view, with even better reason.

Sunday is the tenth anniversary of the opening of what still seems one of theatrical history's most implausible successes. Who would have thought a sung-through pop opera about poverty, crime, rehabilitation, law, mercy and French revolutionary politics would go on to play in 30 countries, from Iceland to the Philippines, Argentina to Hungary, and take £600 million and rising at the world's box-offices? In 1985, who could have been confident that Boublil and Schonberg's musical would even manage to move the mile west from the Barbican to the Palace?

Not the critics, that was for sure. There were a few exceptions — Michael Coveney, Sheridan Morley, Clive Hirschorn and, let me admit it, myself in *The New York Times* — but most of the reviews were dire. *Les Misérables* was dubbed The Glums, a hopelessly melodramatic travesty of the majestic Hugo: "a witless and synthetic entertainment", "a turgid panorama", "stands in the same relation to the original as a singing telegram to an epic".

Well, all reviewers have their motes and, occasionally, their beams. I have just been punished for an iffy notice of *Terry Johnson's Dead Funny*, which was acclaimed by most of my colleagues, by seeing it return in triumph to the West End. But anybody who was at the Barbican on October 8, 1985, should have sensed that *Les Mis* was going to enthral those who had not prepared for its arrival by trudging through the book. As the piece reached its climax, the bond between stage and stalls became eerily, almost magically intimate. I vividly remember glancing at the stranger on my right, and seeing a face that reminded me of the earthlings in *Close Encounters*, mouths gaping as the great spaceship landed. I rather suspect I looked that way too.

I have now seen the show three times, most recently last week, and on each occasion it has made a successful assault not only on my eyes and tear-ducts, but on a part of the self sophisticated critics don't care to admit possessing. That is a sense of wonder. When people say an entertainment has "soul", they usually mean that someone is making a lot of noise on the top registers of the scale in an excessively lachrymose way. But *Les Mis* involves the higher echelons of the human spirit, and makes a powerful appeal to them too.

A strong, driving story, superbly staged by Trevor Nunn and John Caird, obviously goes a long way towards explaining the show's success. But what takes it the second mile is, I suspect, an unfashionable faith in the existence of goodness. Contemporary cynicism says that a brutalised criminal cannot be converted by someone else's generosity into the sort of chap who tends prostitutes, adopts orphans, sacrifices his safety and happiness to others, and refuses to hurt or even curb his most relentless foe; and contemporary cynicism is probably right. But each of the three Valjeans I have seen has made me believe it.

Certainly, the latest one does so. It is wonderful to watch Phil Cavill, a baffled, bovine figure when he emerges from 19 years in the chain-gang, shake himself morally awake and, without any hint of sanctimony or sentimentality, grow in gravity and unassuming strength. He is lucky in his supporting cast, too, especially in Michael McCarthy, a hard, dark Javert who seems capable of destroying a hundred Valjeans and thinking it no more than his civic duty. And although the huddled masses might make their weather-beaten cheeks look less as if they have been desultorily daubed with shoe polish, the human swirl still thrills, as do John Napier's sets, especially the two vast wedges of debris that shunt in from the wings and, like a pair of rutting space-monsters, ram together to become the Paris slums in microcosm.

Sunday's concert version at the Albert Hall is well justified. *Les Mis* deserves the Royal Philharmonic, 250 performers, and a finale in which Valjeans from 12 countries, Norway and Japan as well as Britain and America, will sing their way to an upbeat death. And with the London production expected to survive into the new millennium, and others going strong, the party is not just for the past. It celebrates a musical that will be valued as long as musicals exist.

Hothouse for performers

A £100 million plan to give London a 'university of the arts' will be launched today. **Simon Tait** reports

Like the Festival of Britain, the proposed Centre for the Performing Arts, which could open on the same site (the South Bank, in London) in time for the festival's 50th anniversary in 2001, was floated over lunch in the Savile Club. The participants were Gavin Henderson, Principal of Trinity College of Music and chairman of the Arts Council's music panel, and Lord Young of Graffham.

"I thought we were meeting to discuss a shared home for two or three of the London orchestras," said Young, chairman of the London Philharmonic Trust. "Suddenly Gavin came across with this dazzlingly brilliant idea: a university of all the performing arts at the heart of a public arts centre."

The plan will be announced today: a multidiscipline centre for the performing arts, based on Trinity but including faculties for dance, drama and opera. If all goes well it will open in part of the Shell Centre on the South Bank by 2000. It might also be home for the British Film Institute and two, or possibly three, of London's symphony orchestras. Even the Arts Council of England is being mentioned as a possible tenant.

"We would leapfrog the rest of the world and take the lead in performing arts training," Henderson says. "A collaborative venture is vital if we're going to provide our students with the training modern conditions demand, and particularly training in the new technology coming on stream, which no small college could afford to develop but which collectively we can." Developments in music theatre, orchestral management, cross-discipline production, technology, librarianship, marketing, electro-acoustic sound would all be encompassed.

"For years this country has needed something properly to launch our young performers and help them to fulfil their promise, and this would be it," says Young. "Can you imagine the atmosphere in the campus common rooms and the club Gavin proposes to open to the public? Electric. It will transform the South Bank Centre."

The new institution would go into 330,000 square metres of the L-shaped, ten-storey, downstream half of the Shell Centre. Informally, Henderson says, both Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, and John Gummer, at Environment, approve.

A £90,000 bid has gone to the Arts Council's Lottery Board to fund a feasibility study of the potential partnerships. Young believes the final cost could be £100 million.

Led by Trinity, discussions have already taken place with the London Academy of Musical and Dramatic Arts (Lamda), the National Film and Television School (NFTS), the BFI, National Opera Studios and others — with unanimous positive responses. Smaller organisations such as the British Music Information Centre, the Sonic Arts electro-acoustic organisation, the Association of Professional Composers and the Society for the Promotion of New Music have also been consulted, and others are being approached.

However, all will depend on Shell and its plans for the building. It is not on the market but its sale is being "very actively considered" — and the company has agreed to the feasibility study.

Potential partners have alternative plans if the South Bank idea does not come off. Lamda needs to find larger premises, said its chairman Luke Rittner, and it has a lottery proposal for the empty West Brompton Hospital. "But the idea of a cultural federation is exciting, with joint-user facilities. We are pursuing it with all our heart."

The dance element could well be the London Contemporary Dance School, now at the Place Theatre, in Euston. "We are looking at new options, but this multidiscipline route may well be the way to go for the future," said its general manager, Graham Marchant.

Nicholas Snowman, the South Bank chief executive who first mentioned the Shell Centre to Henderson, said: "We have long wanted something of this sort to happen. What it would give us is not only more music in the halls but the opportunity to work closely with a music college literally next door."



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Rueing the lost cords

POP

Jethro Tull
Apollo, W6

LINDSAY MAGGS



Ian Anderson: still giving the flute a good-rocking name

Twenty years after the Lice Age of punk supposedly killed off the dinosaurs of progressive rock, a hoary old battler still stalks the earth. The line-up is impressive — a mastodon on drums, a youthful brontosaurus on bass, triceratops on multi-horned and stringed keyboards, a curious spawn of pterodactyl and dodo on guitar. And, at the front, velociraptor.

Ian Anderson is a brain with claws. This is the man who made the flute a lead instrument, and has kept it there for a generation. He tours incessantly — earlier this year he went out to maraud on behalf of his solo album, *Divinities*, and this Apollo gig was the last in the UK leg of a 13-month world plunder behind the Tull's new record, *Roots to Branches*. He can still write a tune that dazzles as it rocks. He can still play the flute, metal or wooden, in a way never copied, never bettered, because it is his way. He can still rip the throat out of a friend with a bitter lyric.

Unfortunately, he can't sing any more. Perhaps the strain of the previous UK gigs had told, but at the Apollo his voice was up to maggots. It was sad to see this proud ruler of the primeval forest arch his neck, fix those baleful eyes on the lighting rig, and miss by miles a note that should have been a gimme.

And, ultimately, this Tull gig tripped, stumbled and fell over Anderson's dodgy larynx. At times he was singing — OK, making vocal noises — in a key that defied all logic. He could have cut his losses and changed the set. He could have dropped a few verses and blinded us with flute instead, or that intricate, chiming acoustic guitar.

But no. Velociraptor was in the kitchen, coming for the children (rather elderly, but still in awe), and he knew no other way to get them.

He almost snagged them a couple of times. An artfully disguised *Aqualung* at the end of the first half brought cheers of relief from an audience that, for the most part, had obviously not got round to buying *Roots to Branches* yet. This was a drawback, as most of the half had consisted of songs from it.

The second half was a trawl through the Tull back catalogue, with the emphasis on the loud ones. Anderson has written many delicate, folk-influenced songs, but they didn't really get a look in as Martin Lancelot Barre went into overdrive on guitar. Every prog-rock cliché was trotted out at full volume, blowing holes through songs that depend on powerful playing to succeed, not bombast.

It wasn't all disappointment. There was a searing *My God* to savour, a *Locomotive Breath* that Barre decorated rather than destroyed, and, as a sop to the Tullites yearning for the quirky, a *Fat Man* that brought back the days when every fan of what we then called "real" music had a copy of *Stand Up* in their collection.

CHRIS CAMPLING

CONCERTS: Berio's 70th birthday; and 'authentic' Bruckner

Master of the rethink

LSO/Berio
Barbican

Luciano Berio was in the BBC's bad books a fortnight ago when a newly commissioned work for the *Proms turned out to be a* recycling of an old one. But Berio's defence rests on a compositional principle, that of evolving pre-existing material to create new works.

There was a classic example of this process in this concert given by the London Symphony Orchestra under Berio, to celebrate the composer's 70th birthday. His Piano Concerto II, subtitled *Echoing Curves*, was written in 1988. But it looked back to an earlier work for piano and 24 instruments called *Points on a curve to find* (1974), and Berio referred, in his programme note, to "a continuous transformation of that project".

The orchestral layout for the Concerto reversed convention, with the strings banked at the rear and on the right, and the wind on the conductor's left. Sitting in the leader's place was a clarinettist, with whom conductor and piano soloist (the immaculately fluent Andrea Lucchesini) shook hands. The work is like a rich fabric of glittering surface detail. Vertical harmonic events are of less significance than the horizontal sweep, which carries all before it. A mightily impressive yet engaging piece.

Similarly unconventional in its layout was the *Serenata per un Satellite* by Berio's erstwhile colleague Bruno Maderna. Twenty players sit roughly in a semi-circle. Chance is the motivating factor. Berio stood in front of them less like a conductor than like the moderator of a debate. Turning at whim to one or another player, he invited them to contribute to the discourse. The duration is indeterminate — anything from 4 to 12 minutes (this performance lasted seven). The satellite of the title refers to the whirling orbit traced in that time: another display of dazzling creativity.

In the first half, any recycling was of other composers: Boccherini in *Ritirata Notturna di Madrid*, and Schubert in *Rendering*. The LSO played spiritedly throughout.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Periodically convincing

LCP/Norrington
Barbican

With his period-instrument orchestra, the London Classical Players, Roger Norrington has pressed on into the mainstream 19th-century orchestral repertory, outstripping rival period-instrument directors in this respect. In a sense you can't fail to make the core repertory sound fresh, given the differences in balance and timbre afforded by an orchestra with the proportions and tools of the composer's own time. But a task such as interpreting Bruckner's Third Symphony requires far more than unusual timbres.

Not that these differences are unimportant, most notably in the balance in favour of brass over strings. This resulted in many exhilarating moments, especially in the doom-laden fanfares of the opening movement and the spine-tingling descending brass scale in the Scherzo. And in many ways the period sonorities served to heighten the strangeness of the work.

But the slow movement tested the players' technical resources to the full, while Norrington floundered. He recovered some panache in the finale, but too often looked like a parody of a conductor, with sudden gestures geared to the moment rather than long-term considerations.

Much more successful was his attempt to match the kind of tempo allegedly preferred by Wagner for the overture to *Die Meistersinger*, which brings the piece in at just over eight minutes. Those big moments swept past on a tidal wave of sound and the whole tone of the work was transformed into something more humorous, as would seem fitting to the theme of the opera.

The other item in the programme was Weber's *Konzertstück* in F minor for piano and orchestra, with Melvyn Tan (now of *Pride and Prejudice* fame) as the soloist. Tan played a restored fortepiano by one of the most important Viennese makers of the 19th century, Johann Streicher. It had a rich tone, though apparently an uneven action, but not even Tan's flamboyant playing could save the piece from itself.

TESS KNIGHTON





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The irrepressible spirit of Africa revealed at the Royal Academy in its full glory for the first time



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Richard Cork on the Royal Academy's comprehensive survey of an entire continent's art

Journey to the heart of Africa

Africa's electrifying impact on Western art, above all in the early years of the present century, has been both a blessing and a curse. Adventurous young painters and sculptors across Europe gained enormously from discovering so-called "primitive" art, and the great carvings of the African continent transformed the work they produced. "I have felt my strongest artistic emotions," Picasso once said, "when suddenly confronted with the sublime beauty of sculptures executed by the anonymous artists of Africa." He even declared that they were "the most powerful and most beautiful things the human imagination has ever produced". But the sheer magnitude of Africa's influence on European modernists has hindered a proper recognition of its achievement. We persist, even today, in seeing African work through the partial and distorting lens of the Western avant-garde.

It is time to put Picasso and his contemporaries to one side, and recognise that the art of Africa deserves to be seen and savoured in its own right. That is why the colossal and continually engrossing survey at the Royal Academy is so welcome. For the first time in this country, a comprehensive parade of work culled from the entire continent has been assembled in a magisterial manner.

It amounts to an awesome spectacle. Visitors to the main suite of galleries at Burlington House find themselves embarking on an epic journey, and I defy anyone to emerge from it without a profound admiration for the images they have encountered along the way.

Surprisingly enough, the expedition begins in pre-dynastic Egypt. Although not normally associated with the more southern mass of the continent, it is an unarguable part of Africa. The human figure was defined here, with extraordinary sophistication and delicacy, at a very early stage in recorded history. Egyptian art has its distinctive character, identifiable at once in all its stillness and gravity. But the female torso in quartzite, lent by the Louvre, may confound our expectations.

This exquisitely refined carving, tracing the lines of gossamer drapery clinging to the woman's body, has a sensuality far removed from the more austere form of male Egyptian statues. In this respect, it is close to the art produced across the rest of Africa. And the Egyptian room has another link with the rest of the countries in the exhibition: an equal mastery of miniature and monumental sculpture alike.

But as we move through to the East Africa section a momentous change is evident at once. The emphasis shifts from stone to wood, and all the carvers make us aware of their innate respect for the original material. The row of tall, slender figures dominating the room seem to grow out of tree-trunks. Attenuated and often badly decayed, they nevertheless seem sustained by a sense of stubborn resilience.

Their undemonstrative dignity echoes the sober reticence of Egyptian carvings, but East African art is often quickened by playful humour as well. A high-backed chief's stool from Tanzania sprouts a head and arms, wittily announcing a desire to embrace the occupant. A drum turns out to be supported by a body with neat, conical breasts and bent legs. One seated figure even kicks his legs up in the air, driven apparently by an outburst of high spirits.

In the past, East Africa has often been overlooked. But recent intensive research has established that, in the area bordering Kenya and Tanzania, what Tom Phillips calls "the whole adventure of humanity" began. Phillips, the principal curator of the RA show, is proud of the fact that he gives the Eastern region a prominence it has never enjoyed before. Hence the inclusion of the hand axe from Olduvai, a man-made object produced over a million and a half years ago.

Southern Africa is accorded a new importance as well. A case filled with ostrich eggs, each one punctured by a hole for use as a water-container, shows how deftly their surfaces were covered with incisive patterns, creatures and figures. Near by, a cluster of carved wooden seats display an inventiveness and poise worthy of comparison with medieval misericords. Above all, though, the great Linton Slab presides over the Southern Africa room, a fragment of rock art alive with elegant sinuous images of armed hunters and the animals they pursue.

Having encouraged a fresh look at neglected regions, the survey goes on to celebrate the classic achievements of Central Africa. They are, I suppose, the images most commonly associated with the continent's finest sculpture. Statues and masks abound, some of them alarming to the Western eye. But the carvings that bristle with nails and blades should not be regarded as the African equivalent of Saint Sebastian shot through with arrows. For both blades and nails were hammered into these standing figures by supplicants in search of the truth, a cure for ailments of the pledging of an oath.

All the same, the forcefulness of these hypnotic images should never be underestimated. They were no doubt regarded with as much awe as the superb Fang masks displayed in the same section. The large wooden mask from equatorial Guinea is my favourite work in the entire survey. Dour and elongated enough to terrify wrong-doers, this pared-down symbol of fear and retribution nevertheless possessed a marvellously subtle serenity. No wonder these Congo carvings aroused so much excitement among experimental artists 90 years ago. Epstein, who became the most voracious collector of African sculpture in Britain, doted on Fang pieces. Their intensity is outstanding, and the oil-sweat gleaming on the surface of several heads only accentuates their charismatic power.

The advent of West Africa and the Guinea Coast brings some astounding figures of pregnant women. One of these carvings has no visible breasts: they must have been subsumed in the stupendous stomach swelling beneath. It balloons to such a formidable size that the woman's generative strength suddenly seems capable of peopling the entire continent. Elsewhere, another prodigious mother gives suck with a strikingly pointed breast while she supports more infants on her shoulder and around her waist.

> "No amount of decay could extinguish the obstinate energy of these pieces"

The sturdiness of these carvings seems to draw nourishment from the wood, and in one sense the whole exhibition is a sustained testament to the sculptural inspiration of the tree. But the West African rooms also rejoice in the allure of bronze. The heads and plaques from the city of Benin have an elegance and polished fluency quite unlike anything else on view. If their suavity makes them less exciting than the rougher and more impassioned carvings in the show, the smoothly modelled ceramic vessel from Nigeria is still among the most impressive objects displayed here. Phillips must be congratulated for rescuing this stolen 1,000-year-old masterpiece from a Brussels antique shop.

The greatest surprise comes near the end of the show, where Africa north of the Sahara introduces the influence of Islam. Towering over the room is the mighty 15th-century minbar, with its richly embellished stairs leading up to a fantastical turretted structure. An extravaganza straight out of the Arabian Nights, it points the survey in a very different, Muslim-dominated direction.

But the final room redresses the balance, returning us to Sahel and Savanna. Archaeology has much to discover throughout this area, and illicit digging means that many treasures have disappeared without any record. It is a tragic state of affairs, and shows no sign of future improvement. Against all the odds, though, the marvels assembled in this room have survived. They testify to the eloquence of image-making across the region, most movingly in the spare, utterly simplified figures who stretch their lean arms as high in the air as possible. They look frail, and the termites have tried hard to destroy them. But no amount of decay can extinguish their obstinate energy. Vital and aspiring, they seem at this concluding stage of the show to assert the irrepressible spirit of Africa in the most undaunted manner imaginable.

● Africa: The Art Of A Continent, *sponsored by the Anglo American Corporation, De Beers and Minorco in association with* The Times, *is at the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (0171-439 7438) from tomorrow until Jan 21*



Fang (Ntumu) Mask, equatorial Guinea, 19th century: dour and terrifying, yet with a subtle serenity

Shades of dusk and dawn

John Russell Taylor applauds the varied output of a tormented English Neo-Romantic artist

Most of the Neo-Romantic group of wartime English painters sickened and died early. But many of them, before they had long arrived at maturity, showed signs that they were running out of creative steam — one thinks of the early work of Minton, Ayrton, Colquhoun and MacBryde.

The singular exception is Keith Vaughan, whose life and works are recalled in an admirably varied show at Austin/Desmond Fine Art.

The variety is in fact the key. Virtually alone of his generation, Vaughan continued to develop and expand his horizons right up to his death in 1977, at the hardly ripe old age of 65. This show includes one very early work, *Wrecked Boat*, painted around 1938 before Vaughan had acquired a crabbed Neo-Romantic intricacy. It is very bold and straightforward, and might almost be by an American Regionalist like Grant Wood.

Despite the plethora of small spiky lines that Vaughan went in for, like his Neo-Romantic fellows in the early Forties, this natural strength of composition always underlies even the most complex and sometimes fidgety designs. Paintings such as the oil, *Labourers Lighting A Cigarette*, of 1946 or the gouache, *Carrying Wheat-sheaves*, of 1950 subjugate superficial complication to a steely sense of overall form.

For this reason it does not come as too much of a surprise that Vaughan for many years after 1950 hovered on the brink of abstraction, sometimes toppling over, very often keeping all his options open with a picture that might be just shapes or might after all accord with one's first quick impression that it was a group of extremely simplified human figures.

Vaughan was unusual in this too. The word abstraction seems to imply that all abstracts must be abstracted *from something*. Most British abstractionists abstract primarily from landscape. Though Vaughan was, as this show demonstrates, a sensitive painter of landscapes when he wished to be, his main continuing interest in art was the human body, particularly male. He is thus easier to compare with De Kooning than, say, Ivon Hitchens. This oddity within the British artistic scene no doubt explains the relative neglect which engulfed him.

Various things about Vaughan become apparent in the Austin/Desmond show, the only one for many years to cover the whole range of Vaughan's activities. First, that he was a superb draughtsman: the slightest sketchbook scribbles are full of life and vigour, and quite without Neo-Romantic affectation.

Secondly, that he was an inspired colourist. Not for him the flash and outbreak: he was interested in the subtler, more indeterminate shades of dusk or dawn, or the night that came between. Within this range, he is unbeatable. And finally, that he approached even the less prestigious applied arts — the illustration of popular books, the designing of textiles — with the same shining integrity and attention to detail that he gave everything else.

He was an unhappy man in many ways, with few satisfactory relationships in his life, and a later unhelpful inclination to the bottle. But his problems seem ultimately to have been those of the tormented perfectionist. He may not have known just how often he got it right, but posterity should have no difficulty in deciding.

● *Keith Vaughan, 1912-1977, is at Austin/Desmond Fine Art, Fred Bull Yard, London WC1 (0171-242 4443) until October 11*



Figures, of 1970: though he toyed with abstraction, Vaughan's main interest remained the human body

VISIONS OF AFRICA

A daily series of items to be featured in the Royal Academy's *Africa* exhibition, which opens tomorrow



Lidded Vessel, Northern Nguni, Swaziland or KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, late 19th Century, wood, 52 x 32 cm

It is unclear exactly what purpose elaborate vessels such as this one were originally intended to serve, but they may have been used as receptacles for liquids or food.

Another possible explanation is that these pieces may once have been commissioned by chiefs, who wanted to display their elevated status by having such examples of virtuoso craftsmanship cluttering up their residences. This particular vessel is carved from a single piece of wood, and has then been incised and stained with palm oil. The surviving vessels of this kind are all so consistent in style and execution that it is suspected they were the work of a single carver or workshop.

AROUND THE GALLERIES

UNTIL the Tate Gallery acquired her extraordinary painting of 1920, *The Deluge*, Winifred Knights (1899-1947) was almost forgotten. More recently she has figured in various surveys of women's art, but the show currently at the Fine Art Society, after an outing at the British School at Rome, is the first real opportunity for coherent reassessment. Knights was at the Slade on and off between 1915 and 1920; there she met Thomas Monnington, later PRA, and married him in 1924. Her student painting is rather what one would expect: solidly constructed landscapes with figures slightly suggestive of Augustus John, but with already a nascent interest in geometrical shapes. This would hardly prepare us for the bold simplification and stylisation of *The Deluge*, though with hindsight it makes sense as a culmination of what has gone before. Most of this show is taken up with drawn and painted studies of details for the major paintings; some, particularly the series of views of a canal, are almost abstract, others — drawings of hands, feet, faces — have an almost Pre-Raphaelite precision.

Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 5116) until October 13

☐ John D. Edwards came to prominence about ten years ago as one of the new generation of artists who, brought up in an atmosphere where abstraction ruled, found a new sense of release by plunging into figuration. In his case the figurative element was sometimes minimal: the sails of a ship might be all the excuse needed for an essay in contrasting shapes and colours. But clearly he was interested in the world around him and relished the opportunity to depict and evoke it while playing with a palette of such brilliance that it would have done credit to Matisse. This taste lead him to the Tropics, and continued after he settled in the Cotswolds in 1991.

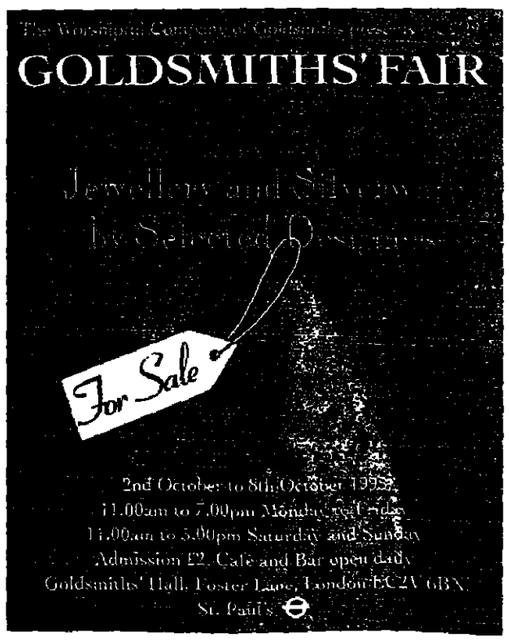
In his latest show, at the Mayor Gallery, he has drifted back towards abstraction, without going all the way. All the pictures are of trees, usually reduced to the bare essentials of a child's drawing. But Edwards plays innumerable variations of colour, arrangement, density and texture. If this is the Cotswolds, it is a Cotswolds Matisse would have recognised.

Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 3558) until October 27

☐ The dealer Adrian Mibus of Whitford Fine Art has long been known as a great collector of the unfashionable British art of the 1950s and 1960s. Now, of course, Pop Art has come back with a bang, and most of the works in the current exhibition, *Post War To Pop*, which would have looked as faded as Carnaby Street a few years ago, come up today all bright and shining. It is fascinating to be reminded of artists such as Derek Boshier and Peter Phillips who featured in the Whitechapel New Generation show of 1964, along with Hockney, Caulfield and Allen Jones. They again look good, and Clive Barker, with his series of painted bronze groups of *Iced Cherry Cakes* (1969), looks even better. There is an excellent painting by the "Dolly Girl" painter Pauline Boty (not all of her work is so appealing) and an unexpected early piece involving rusted bits of a motorbike by Mark Boyle. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...

Whitford Fine Art, 6 Duke Street, St James's, SW1 (0171-930 9332) until October 31

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR





■ CHOICE 1

Into The Hothouse: Pinter comes to the West End in his own early play

VENUE: From tonight at the Comedy Theatre



■ CHOICE 2

Pianist and singer Buddy Greco starts a week's residency in Birmingham

VENUE: From tonight at Ronnie Scott's

THE TIMES ARTS



■ DANCE 1

Robert Cohan, the 70-year-old doyen of British modern choreography, is back to revive his *Stabat Mater*



■ DANCE 2

It's a man's life in Lea Anderson's new piece — but the formula is beginning to pall

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

SIXTH BRITISH FESTIVAL OF VISUAL THEATRE Opening day for an astonishingly diverse body of work, British and foreign, drama, cabaret and puppet theatre, by companies performing for three days at most. The project continues throughout the month, mostly in Studios 1 and 2.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223)

THE HOTHOUSE: Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie, John Shrapnel and Harold Pinter himself in the transfer from Chichester of his long-buried play in which the staff of a mental hospital scheme for dominance. Ghoulishly funny power-politics in action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 4pm

SOME FINE CABARET A composer and pianist of many parts, Richard Rodney Bennett unveils a new work in a Festival Hall concert by the Philharmonia later this month. In the mean time, he ventures out in cabaret guise in performances of vintage songs and several of his own fine-boned compositions.
Pizza on the Park, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5273). Tonight-Oct 14, 9.15 and 11.15pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. Buddy Greco is a pianist and singer of a different stripe from Bennett (see previous item), given to tasty homages to Sinatra and bursts of self-mocking humour. He will be accompanied, for part of the evening at least, by *Leslie Anders*, a statuesque vocalist with more than a touch of Peggy Lee about her.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street, (0121-643 4525). Tonight-Sun, then at Scotts in London, Oct 9-14

HALIFAX. Barrie Rutter and Ishia Bennison play the loving pair in **Antony and Cleopatra**. Rutter's production for Northern Broadsides. Start of ten-week tour with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
Viaduct, Dean Clough (01422 344555). Tonight-Sat, 7pm.

BRISTOL. *Final week of performances* here for Out of Joint's production of **Three Sisters**. Max Stafford-Clark directs a fine cast (including Anita Dobson and Maria Friedman), with some riveting performances.
Theatre Royal, King Street (01179-877877). Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

HIGH WYCOMBE. Robert Cohan adds his much acclaimed *Stabat Mater* to the **Rambert Dance Company** repertoire tonight; the piece was created 20 years ago for London Contemporary Dance Theatre (see feature, right). Programme two offers Christopher Bruce's ever-popular *Swansong* and *Rooster*, and the light-hearted *Banter Banter* by Mark Baldwin.
Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (01494 512000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) .. **British Museum**: Hellenistic World: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555). **Royal Festival Hall**: Magnum Cinema: photos from 50 years of movie-making (0171-960 4242) .. **National Gallery**: Bermejo's Saint Michael triumphant over the Devil with the Donor Antonio Juan (0171-747 2885) .. **National Portrait Gallery**: BP Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) .. **Serpentine**: Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072). **Tate**: *Sketching the Sky*: Turner watercolours (0171-887 8000) .. **V & A**: Designs for Georgian Architecture (0171-938 8500) .. **Whitechapel**: Seven Stones: about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
▣ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLUE ON BLUE** New play by award-winning author Matthew Bentley: the traumas of war (*Falklands version*) and a guilty secret between a young CO and his sergeant.
Old Red Lion, St John's Street, EC1 (0171-837 7816). Previews tonight and tomorrow, and opens Oct 5, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

☐ **COMMUNICATING DOORS** Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play. Julia McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a decade.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5530). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **DEAD FUNNY** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm ▣

☐ **FUNNY MONEY** Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. ▣

■ **THE GLASS MENAGERIE** Fine performances by Zoë Wanamaker, Claire Skinner, Ben Chaplin and Mark Dexter in Tennessee Williams's elegiac play of false hopes and shattered dreams.

Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm. ▣

▣ **HOW TO LIVE** Exhilarating deconstruction of the erotic content of Ibsen drama, performed by four members of Volcano Theatre, directed by Nigel Charnock.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **OH! WHAT A BLOODY CIRCUS.** Recently premiered at the *Man in the Moon*, Ionesco's fascinating play well deserves this quick re-appearance. A man in search of a peaceful retirement is endlessly thwarted by cheery visitors. John Burton directs the Phantasmagoria company.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255). Previews tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Tue-Sun, 8pm ▣

☐ **PEER GYNT**: Tremendous performance by Alex Jennings in an illuminating production by John Barton. Haydn Gwynne plays mother and sweetheart.

Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Tonight, 7.15pm ▣

■ **SKYLIGHT.** Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play social riser and social worker attacking one another's values in David Hare's gripping drama.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. ▣

▣ **TAP DOGS.** Marvellous percussive tap dance performed by six Aussies in boots on a building site.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm ▣

☐ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) .. ☐ **Dealer's Choice**: Vaudeville (0171-836 9987) ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) .. ▣ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ▣ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ▣ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . ☐ *The Woman in Black*: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

COLD FEVER (15) A Japanese visitor journeys across Iceland: wonderful, droll film from director Fridrik Thór Fridriksson, packed with stunning images.
Everyman ▣ (0171-435 1525) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12) Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

FUNNY BONES (15) Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-ambitious film from *Hear My Song* director Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron.
Barbican ▣ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** ▣ (0171-437 4343)

Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

THE BIG SLEEP (PG) Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15) Overly blood-thirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace.
Empire (0990 888990) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ▣ (01426 915683) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12) Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Notting Hill Coronet** ▣ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG) The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris, director Ron Howard.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▣ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE QUICK AND THE DEAD** (15) Gunslinger Sharon Stone versus bad man Gene Hackman. Dull and preposterous, directed by Sam Raimi.
Odeon West End (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE USUAL SUSPECTS** (18). Complex, riveting thriller about the wages of crime: a strong cast includes Kevin Pacey, Stephen Baldwin and Gabriel Byrne.
Electric ▣ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ▣ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **WATERWORLD.** Aquatic folly with spectacular action but not enough script. With Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper and Jeanne Tripplehorn.
MGM Trocadero ▣ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING** (PG) Sandra Bullock poses as the fiancée of a comatose hunk. Agreeable vehicle for a refreshing new star. With Bill Pullman and Peter Gallagher. Director, Jon Turteltaub.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

THE YOUNG POISONER'S HANDBOOK (15) Assured but nasty black comedy about a schoolboy poisoner from the London suburbs. A first feature by Benjamin Ross.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

Pioneer who stays in step with all seasons

Robert Cohan, a founding-father of British modern dance, may be 70 years old but his diary is still full. Allen Robertson met him

He is such a major player on dance stages this autumn that it is almost as if he had never been away. From the late 1960s well into the 1980s no season went by without at least one new dance from Robert Cohan. Yet since 1988, when he relinquished control of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, the company he had helped to form, Cohan has consciously tried to ease himself away from the spotlight.

Now he's back. Scottish Ballet opened its season last month with a revival of Cohan's full-length adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1992): in January the company starts work on his *The Four Seasons*. And this week Rambert Dance Company will give its first performances of *Stabat Mater*, choreographed to Vivaldi in 1975 and one of Cohan's most popular dances.

"London Contemporary did it regularly for about ten years," Cohan says. "I made it at a time when I was very much into *musique concrète* and new composers. But one day our music director handed me a copy of *Stabat Mater* and said 'Here, try this'. I did it in a week.

"It was like magic. Every step I did was the right step the very first time around and I went as fast as the dancers could learn it. Since then, I've never needed to tinker with it. I look at it now and I wonder who choreographed that beautiful dance."

Rambert will still be touring *Stabat Mater* when Cohan returns to Scotland — and Vivaldi — for *The Four Seasons*. "I know several choreographers have come adrift on it, but I'm going to try my hand, and because this is a ballet company, some of it will be on pointe. Having discovered the pointe shoe late in life, I quite like it. And I must admit I'm less didactic about labels.

> ❛ Having discovered the pointe shoe late in life I like it ❜

"I always think I'm going to do something very stark, really avant-garde and on the edge. But if it doesn't turn out that way, well, I'm resigned to that."

Suddenly Cohan, at 70, is almost as busy as he ever was, although these days he only has to deal with choreography, a luxury he was never able to allow himself in his heyday as founder-director of LCDT. Cohan, an American dancer who started his career with the Martha Graham Company in 1946, was lured to Britain in the Sixties by Robin Howard to help foster modern dance on this side of the Atlantic.

"Once I decided to stay here," says Cohan, "I didn't go back to New York for three years. I think it was in 1969 that I decided this was where I could really do something good. Then, of course, it started booming. I was teaching in the school. I was teaching the company. I was choreographing. I was going out on tour. I'm not trying to say it was a one-man show, but I did feel it was mine and that it had to be done right.

"I always think the one big mistake Robin and I made was that we didn't plan on being so successful so soon. So we didn't know how to cope with the success that we achieved in a very short time. I mean, where do you go next when you've achieved everything you set out for yourself? In seven, eight years it was done — it was practically done."

As far back as the early 1980s, Cohan tried to find someone to succeed him. "I wanted someone to push me aside, to take over a new vision of their own." But a new vision never materialised and in early 1994 it was announced that the company would be permanently disbanded.

"It was short-sighted of the Arts Council to have closed down London Contemporary," Cohan insists. "It was a unique complex, an arts centre with a small (300-seat) theatre, with studios, a school and a contemporary repertory company all under one roof. Nobody else has that anywhere.

"Even if we were having difficulties finding the right new artistic director the Arts Council, being our major sponsor, could have had a more positive attitude towards helping us instead of being indifferent, or even hoping it would fail."

Hoping? "Well, yes, because there is no doubt that the Arts Council needed one organisation that got a lot of money to fail, so that they could spread that money among all the other people. It was done in bad faith. I know that and I regret that."

Cohan's anger and his feelings of betrayal are balanced with relief and his new sense of personal freedom. "You know, when I was a kid growing up in Brooklyn, I lived for the circus — the Barnum and Bailey three-ring circus. My dream was to run away and join the circus. Now, looking back all these years later, I think that might be exactly what I did."

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TOM KID

Robert Cohan: busy working with both Scottish Ballet and Rambert

Gone round the bends

Featherstonehaughs
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Wolfgang Petersen's mammoth 1981 film *Das Boot* and Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell's cinematic gender-bender *Performance* both deal with the question of what it means to be a man. In Petersen's film, about a German U-boat mission in 1941, the role of men is clear-cut: they are fighters, the makers of war and the victims of it. In *Performance* their role is nebulous: caught up in a web of sexual ambiguity even their personal identity is disconcertingly arbitrary. Both extremes form the starting-point for the choreographer Lea Anderson in *The Bends*, her hour-long piece for the all-male dance group, the Featherstonehaughs.

Samples from film soundtracks are knitted into Drostan Madden's commissioned score, the slick guitar-based music suiting Anderson's flair for funky rhythms. The five dancers inhabit various manifestations of maleness: as an effective fighting unit, they manly stick together in the face of deadly enemy action; but they also like to wear frocks and caress and cosset each other.

The claustrophobia and danger of life on board a submarine at war are strongly evoked; equally, the blurring of sexual boundaries (*à la* Mick Jagger) and the feminine fantasies of otherwise virile sailors. But most of the work's power comes from the soundtrack and the stage props, since Anderson's dainty choreography offers little beyond clever rhythmic reactions interlaced with neat hand gestures.

The sound of rushing water, the whoosh of steam, the clank of the metal underwater monster: these are the tools of atmosphere-building. Anderson also loves to use costumes as a substitute for choreography, so a pink feather boa is paired with red boxing gloves, a blonde wig is briefly worn as the soundtrack repeats "I feel like a man; there's nothing wrong with me". Sometimes you feel as if her dancers have been reduced to nothing more than naughty little boys rooting around in their mother's clothes closet.

Anderson has made a creditable career as a choreographer on Britain's independent dance scene. The Featherstonehaughs have been going since 1988: their sister company, the all-female Cholmondeleys, even longer. By now she should be building on her early, undoubted successes, instead of regurgitating the limited formula of recent years.

The "bends" are what you get when you experience a sudden and dramatic change in atmospheric pressure. Metaphorically speaking, this is just what Anderson the choreographer needs.

DEBRA CRAINE

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GEORGE HERRINGSHAW


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The face of sport is changing as businessmen such as Sir John Hall, left, and Kerry Packer, right, become more determined to capitalise on rugby and other sports. Clubs such as Harlequins, centre, will be increasingly affected by legal rulings on sports

As professionalism increasingly affects sport, what will it mean for the bodies that control it, and the players?

Why the lawyers will run with the ball

The opening games of the rugby union season heralded the game's new "professionalism". But rugby union players are finding that their aspirations to become full-time professionals depend on available resources. Clubs and individuals need to be involved in competition guaranteed to secure finance. Though the Rugby Football Union has imposed a one-year moratorium on the move to professionalism, clubs and players are moving into the professional arena regardless.

The competing demands of rugby's investors, such as Sir John Hall of Newcastle, sponsors, broadcasters, players, clubs and audience will change the game. At the forefront of these changes will be legal advice.

All sports must ensure that they offer a package of rights to potential investors. Premier League broadcasting contracts made with BSkyB and the BBC illustrate the value of the unified rights package involving clubs, players and the governing body to broadcasters, sponsors and the sport itself.

By contrast, when the southern hemisphere unions of New Zealand, Australia and South Africa announced during the Rugby World Cup that they had agreed a ten-year deal worth £366 million with the News Corporation to televise their competitions, the deal was endangered when the businessman Kerry Packer tried to establish a rival competition. The southern unions did not speak for their players because their players were not contracted to them. Mr Packer required 900 union players. For him, there was a possibility of sneaking the game's most important asset, its players, out from under the nose of the southern unions by offering the players lucrative contracts, thus devaluing the News Corp deal.

> 'Sponsorship no longer depends on a whim'

Paul Richardson, a solicitor handling sports and sponsorship matters with Harbottle & Lewis, a London media and entertainment practice, says: "It is imperative that the governing bodies that sell packages of rights to broadcasters and sponsors have the players committed to it by an enforceable contract. Without the players, there is no event. Without the event, the governing body will find itself in breach of the warranties it will have inevitably given in any agreement it has with the sponsor or broadcaster. The broadcaster or sponsor will look to their contractual right to an indemnity for breach of those warranties."

The consequences for the governing bodies of failing to deliver what has been promised could be financially crippling. Competing offers to players, such as Mr Packer's, can devalue other rights. Ticket sales, merchandising and product endorsement are major income sources for sport. And the availability of commercial sponsorship and the sale of broadcasting rights finances top-level sport and its participants.

In return, sport and its players have to accept their responsibilities. Sponsors and broadcasters seeking additional assurances to make sure they are getting at least what they bargained for build monitoring clauses into contracts. These deal with the projected level of exposure a sponsor hopes to achieve.

Mr Richardson says: "The days of sponsorship being a chairman's whim are no more. Sponsors now want a return on their investment. Increasingly, sponsors want clauses inserted in their agreements to monitor the contract in order to check the perception against the reality. Effectively they are asking for a right of audit."

If rugby successfully follows its professional path, it must find the money to do so. The clubs, players and governing body must present a united front. In future Mr Richardson says that "with margins becoming tighter, sponsors and broadcasters are increasingly focusing on the returns to them. Perhaps the day is not far away when sponsors or broadcasters become an owner or at least a part-owner in events to ensure tighter control over their investment".

RICHARD VEROW

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Match of the day with the EU

Next year the European Court of Justice will rule on transfer fees for sports players. Will the ECJ follow the recent opinion of the court's Advocate-General and rule as illegal fees for players whose contracts have run their course? And will it come down against nationality clauses restricting the number of overseas players in domestic clubs because they infringe the free movement of workers and the Treaty of Rome's competition provisions?

It is already clear that the ECJ's final decision in the case brought by the Belgian footballer Jean-Marc Bosman, whatever its terms, will apply not only to professional football but to all other professional sports played within the European Union. How will the court's judgment affect rugby union? It is hoped that those officials who are now drafting the new professional rules are following the Bosman case closely. Even at this early stage, there are lessons to be learnt to ensure that the possible incompatibility of certain rules of the game with fundamental Treaty of Rome obligations, as has arisen in the football world, can be avoided from the outset.

The Advocate-General has indicated that the restrictive access of players, who are nationals of other member states, to national clubs provides the clearest breach of the free movement provisions contained in Article 48 and it is likely that the ECJ will follow this view, finding such rules discriminatory and therefore prohibited. The RFU and its sister organisations throughout the Community would therefore be foolish to try to restrict access in this way because the final decision will have the effect that no limit may be imposed on, for example, the number of French or Italians who play for Harlequins.

As for transfer rules, the position is complex. In his opinion, the Advocate-General recognised that the position in each member state was different, although he failed to consider the specific rules applicable in the UK, where players are, in essence, free to move at the expiry of their contracts, subject to the subsequent agreement of a transfer fee.

Yet the Advocate-General's opinion on this issue is couched in particularly broad terms. "Article 48 of the EC Treaty," he wrote, "is to be interpreted as prohibiting a football club from being able to demand and receive payment of a sum of money when one of its players whose contract has expired is engaged by another club."

If the ECJ ratifies the precise terms of this opinion, there is no doubt that the rules that operate, particularly at a European level, will have to be changed. Though the position in the UK in respect of transfers purely between domestic clubs may escape the prohibition because it might be argued that under existing rules a club is not able to "demand" payment at the expiry of a contract, the rules currently in operation for transfers between European clubs, much criticised by the Advocate-General, do appear to fall squarely within the prohibition.

The ECJ will probably recommend at least some changes to football's current transfer rules, putting rugby union in the unique position of being able to commence drafting its own rules from scratch.

The Advocate-General's opinion may be long but it should be compulsory reading for anyone charged with such drafting because it discusses in detail the sorts of transfer payment that may be justified, even bearing in mind the general prohibition contained in Article 48. Such legitimate payments may include a redistribution of income from gate receipts and television rights of the receiving club, or payments to recompense legitimate training fees.

Therefore, whatever the outcome of the final ECJ decision, it should be possible for the RFU to produce a set of rules which not only guarantee some payment for a transferring player, even after his contract has expired, but do so outside the prohibition of general provisions of EU law.

TOM USHER

● The author, a solicitor with SJ Berwin & Co, advises clients in sports and entertainment.

Promises promises

OUTS

MARTIN MEARS, the new president of the Law Society, is expected to open the Law Society annual conference this Friday with an attack on government policies which he says are destroying the middle classes. But he as if he'll have a tough battle ahead if he is to succeed in implementing proposals which brought about his election.

Mr Mears was tight-lipped on his efforts to force an inquiry into a £80,000 severance package to the outgoing head of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, Veronica Lowe. There is anger among some of his supporters that the first council meeting two weks ago agreed only a future procedure that such arrangements be subject to scrutiny by a committee, including the president. Support for an inquiry promised by various council members did not materialise.


Mears: tight-lipped

Confusing label

THE Tom Olsen Trust annual lecture takes place at St Bide's, Fleet Street, on October 17. This year Lord Alexander of Weedon will give a lecture on "The Law: more than just a business", a title that may confuse lawyers who still see the law as a profession. Those interested should contact Tim Olsen at Lovell White Durrant or pick up tickets at the door.

Showing off

HENRY HODGE and Eileen Pembridge, the defeated Law Society presidential candidates, have started new campaigns. Both run leading legal aid practices, in north and south London respectively, and have decided the time is ripe for new ventures to advertise their firms more widely.

Commuters who use the Northern Line may well have noticed the Hodge, Jones and Allen adverts being carried on trains on that line. And those who travel in to the City can spot the words Fisher Meredith, Pembridge's firm, emblazoned across a bus or two.

● Lawrence Collins takes on one of the hottest jobs in City law firms this week: head of litigation at Herbert Smith. Collins has acted in many high-profile cases; is one of the few solicitor-advocates in the City; and was the first practising solicitor to be awarded a Doctor of Laws by Cambridge University.

Itchy fingers

A WOMAN has been chosen to be the first managing partner of the Freshfields' network of offices in Asia.

Ruth Markland will manage offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Singapore from January 1. "I am very excited and my fingers are itching to get started," she says. "I want to make sure that we optimise the huge experience we have in that region."

She has no family to worry about — just four cats.

Come again

THOSE attending this week's solicitors' annual conference in Birmingham who were also at the bar conference last Saturday, risk déjà vu. Lord Woolf will deliver the keynote address this Saturday, speaking on civil justice reform during a plenary session entitled "Civil Justice: What Needs To Be Changed?"

Lord Woolf was also the key speaker at the bar conference last week.

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Sir Frederick Lawton discusses judicial resignations, and (right) **Daniel Lightman** looks at retirement ages

Who judges the judges' behaviour?

If a circuit judge performs his judicial duties satisfactorily, should he be dismissed by the Lord Chancellor, under his statutory powers, for behaving in private in a way which many members of the public would regard as meriting censure?

A High Court judge could not be so dismissed. In the 1920s Mr Justice Macardie, who was given to moralising on the bench, was known to keep a mistress. In the 1880s a High Court judge on assize at Nottingham died in a prostitute's bed. Had Queen Victoria known of his liking for prostitutes, she would not have been amused; but there was nothing she could have done except through motions for dismissal passed by both Houses of Parliament. The House of Lords, with memories of the Duke of Wellington and Lord Palmerston, might not have voted for it.

Judges have to remember that they are the Queen's delegates for discharging her obligation under her Coronation Oath to do justice in mercy. It follows that they should behave with dignity in public and avoid scandal. If they have vices they should indulge in them in private and ensure they do not become public knowledge.

This does not require judges to behave as humbugs but it is their duty to safeguard the reputation of the judiciary. If their immoral sexual behaviour does become public knowledge, resignation is inevitable. Why? The public is unlikely to have respect for a judge known to associate with prostitutes or to be a womaniser.

There never has been any formal procedure for investigating alleged misconduct by judges of any rank. Only one circuit judge this century has been dismissed — Judge Bruce Campbell on his conviction for smuggling whisky. There was no formal inquiry into his conduct. However, the lack of any formal procedures has not stopped Lord Chancellors from reprimanding judges whom they considered to have behaved badly.

Recently the files of the Lord Chancellor's Department were examined by Robert Stevens, the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. He published his findings in a book, *The Independence of the Judiciary*. It reveals that Lord Chancellors have not silently suffered what they considered to be judicial misbehaviour.

In 1954 the amiable Mr Justice Lloyd-Jacob, a fervent churchman, wrote a letter to *The Times* about the peaceful uses of atomic power, urging nations to punish other nations which used the hydrogen bomb. His offence was expressing himself publicly about controversial politics. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Simonds, reprimanded him in stinging terms. He described it as a deplorable incursion by a High Court judge into controversial politics, saying: "In my opinion it was a breach of your duty as a judge to write the letter, and I am deeply sorry that you wrote it."

Mr Justice Hallett had twice, within a few months, been criticised severely by the Court of Appeal for bad behaviour in the course of trials. After the first he was sent for by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Kilmuir. According to Temple gossip at the time, he told the Lord Chancellor that if anything of the same kind happened again, and it would not, he would resign. It did. He was summoned again by Lord Kilmuir who is alleged to have said to him: "I take it that I am going to have your resignation." What the records show is that there was a conversation about his resignation and a date was fixed for it.

Lord Chancellors have been sensitive to judges making injudicious remarks both on and off the bench. Mr Stevens quoted a number of examples. In 1978 *The Times* reported that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn Jones, had reprimanded Mr Justice Melford Stevenson for referring to the Sexual Offences Act 1967 as a bugger's charter. A little later Judge Argyle was reprimanded for making anti-immigration remarks and Judge Pickles for writing to *The Daily Telegraph* about penal policy. It seems likely that Lord Denning's retirement came when it did because of comments which he made about peremptory challenges to jurors when black people were on trial.

Lord Chancellors, when exercising their disciplinary powers, have to remember that judges of all ranks are independent. Neither they nor anyone else can interfere with the exercise of their judicial functions. This lies with the appellate courts, not with Lord Chancellors. The line between legitimate and unconstitutional intervention by them is a fine one.

That there is such a line is not always appreciated by MPs. They often write to Lord Chancellors complaining about sentences passed in cases in which their constituents have been involved. Lord Chancellors usually feel that they should tell their correspondents why the sentences were passed. This may mean, and usually does, writing to the trial judge for his reasons, taking care not to give the impression that the Lord Chancellor is criticising what the judge did.

The Court of Appeal has an important part to play in ensuring that trial judges when trying cases behave properly. From time to time complaint is made by an appellant that at the trial the judge behaved improperly. It may be alleged that he showed bias, asked too many questions, was rude to counsel or browbeat witnesses. Then the Court of Appeal has to investigate them, and when giving judgment make findings. All this is done in public and is likely to be reported in the press. Judicial misbehaviour is not acceptable to the senior judiciary; nor should it be.

● *The author is a former Court of Appeal judge.*

ADRIAN BROOKS



The procession of judges, from Westminster Abbey to the House of Lords, opens the legal year

Lord Chancellors can go on, and on, and . . .

Yesterday Her Majesty's judges made their annual procession for the start of the legal year. A number of familiar faces were no longer there, including Lord Bridge of Harwich, 78. In his final judicial utterance in July, he expressed his regret at the recent coming into force of the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993. No longer could he, or any other judge, sit over the age of 75; judges appointed after 1993 must retire by 70.

He said: "My lords, since the populist image of the geriatric judge, out of touch with the real world, is now reflected in the statutory presumption of judicial incompetence at the age of 75, this is the last time that I shall speak judicially in your lordships' House. I am happy that the occasion is one when I can agree with your Lordships still in the prime of judicial life who demonstrate so convincingly that common sense and the common law here go hand in hand."

All judges are affected, except one. The "statutory presumption of judicial incompetence" does not apply to the Lord Chancellor. There is no retirement age for the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and neither the Government nor Opposition has any plans to introduce one. Thus Lord Mackay of Clashfern, now 68, who was subject to a retirement age as a law lord before he was appointed Lord Chancellor in 1987, can continue to hold office — and sit as a law lord — well past the age of 75.

Even the Lord Chancellor's Department is not immune from age reforms. Since legislation in 1990, all future Permanent Secretaries must retire at 62. Why, then, is there no retirement age for their boss? If a maximum age for judges is an important element in dispelling the image of an elderly judiciary, out of touch with modern society, the same considerations surely apply to the one who appoints the judges and himself presides over the final court of appeal from their decisions.

Opponents of change may claim that by removing one anomaly, you would merely be creating another — or else setting a dangerous precedent. The Lord Chancellor occupies a unique role because, in addition to his judicial capacity, he is the second most senior member of the Cabinet as well as Speaker of the House of Lords. One compromise would be to allow him to continue to be Lord Chancellor after the age of 70, but not to sit as a judge after that age. Why not then go a step further and stop him ever sitting as a judge?

If his role is left unchanged, and he is made to retire at 70, shouldn't the same restriction apply to his boss, the Prime Minister, and the rest of the Cabinet? MPs may argue that because they are elected to their positions by the public, they should not be subject to any age restriction.

But the same cannot be said of peers, whether they are life or hereditary. If the Speaker of the House of Lords — in another of his many guises, the Lord Chancellor — were to have a mandatory retirement age, should his fellow peers be able to vote after they have reached that age? For that matter, shouldn't there be an age limit for *all* unelected public servants, including, perhaps, the Queen, who will be 70 next April?

That there is no retirement age for the Lord Chancellor may not be the mere quirk of history it seems to be. More likely, it is a mere quirk of history, an example of a typically English compromise.

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Interested candidates should contact ***Gareth Chambers*** *on* ***0171 404 4646*** *(evenings and weekends* ***0171 813 6475****). Alternatively, you can write to him at Daniels Bates Legal, 17 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4QH (confidential fax* ***0171 831 7969****). This assignment is being handled exclusively by Daniels Bates on behalf of Bowthorpe plc.*

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LEGAL NOTICES

STONE-PLATT OVERSEAS HOLDINGS LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Company Number: 783817
Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before Friday 3rd November 1995, to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Roger Smith, of KPMG Corporate Recovery, PO Box 695, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated 27th September 1995
Roger Smith - Liquidator

DIRECTCHANGE LIMITED
In Members Voluntary Liquidation
Company Number: 2488011
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rules 4.182(a) and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above Company intends to declare a dividend to the creditors. Creditors are required to prove their debts or claims and establish their title thereto by the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG Corporate Recovery, PO Box 695, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on or before Friday 27 October 1995, after which date he may pay any claims Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and such distributions will be made without regard to any claim not made by the date mentioned. Note: The Company is not for sale of its business or assets.
Dated 21st September 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.182(A)
EAST ANGLIA CREDIT LIMITED
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mike J B Stephenson, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Hewitt, Russell, 246 Shirlington, London EC3M 4PB, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company on 5th September 1995.
The Liquidator gives notice, pursuant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the Company must send details in writing of any claim against the Company, to the Liquidator at the above address by 31st October 1995. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182(A)(2)(b), that she intends to make a distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 31st October 1995, without having regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 19th September 1995
M S Stephenson - Liquidator
Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.182(A)
CHURCHILL COURT MANAGEMENT COMPANY (WESTERHAM) LIMITED
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mike J B Stephenson, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Hewitt, Russell, 246 Shirlington, London EC3M 4PB, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company on 22nd September 1995.
The Liquidator gives notice, pursuant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the Company must send details in writing of any claim against the Company, to the Liquidator at the above address by 31st October 1995. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182(A)(2)(b), that she intends to make a distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 31st October 1995, without having regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 27th September 1995
M S Stephenson - Liquidator
Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

LEGAL NOTICES

GOODWILL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at 6, Stoscombe Square, London, WC1A 4LP on the 13th day of October 1995 at 2.00pm, to consider any proposals under s.253(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a committee of creditors.
A proxy form is available which should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting your proof must be in my hands not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details of which are given above.
Dated 25th September 1995
Signed STEPHEN FRANKLIN, (Administrator)
Dated 25th September 1995
A copy of my proposals may be obtained from 6, Stoscombe Square, London, WC1A 4LP.

No. 004457 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CRP LEISURE PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 20th September 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,432,632.91p to £4,700,000 and the reduction of its Share Premium Account by £493,240.09 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered by the above reduction required by the above-mentioned Act was registered on 26th September 1995.
Dated this 28th day of September 1995
Lathan - Carpmells, 50 Victoria Embankment, LONDON EC4Y 0LS
Tel: 0171 842 8000
Fax: 0171 842 8080
Ref: CBS/MJB
Solicitors for the above named Company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

KIRKNEWTON NORTHUMBERLAND
Reopening of Division Vault
The Vault of the Division Family formerly Alexander Pens. 1780-1825) in Kirknewton Churchyard is to be restored. Will any person related to the Division family who is concerned by the restoration please contact R.A. Hewgill, The Manse, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 6HT.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s.27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE or any of the deceased persons to whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the persons or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BOOTH, CHARLES of 45 BATHURST MEWS, LONDON W2 died on 14 SEPTEMBER 1995 particulars to ROWE & MAW Solicitors of 20 BLACK FRIARS LANE, LONDON EC4V 6HD (Ref: 990/2/MS/761-2). Before 8 DECEMBER 1995.

GODDARD, Mrs Ann of Sunnyside Hospital, Ashby Road, Barwell, Leicestershire, formerly of 18 Aynsome Drive, Leicester died 24th April 1995. Particulars to Peter J Hayward & Sons, Solicitors of 47 Friar Lane, Leicester LE1 5QX (Ref: JGH/3) before Tuesday 3rd October 1995.
Particulars to be notified not less than two months from the date of publication of the advertisement.

Dominant Dolphins unmoved by family ties

By Stuart Jones

FIVE weeks into the National Football League (NFL) season and only one team remains unbeaten. The Miami Dolphins, with Dan Marino threatening to break passing records that were thought to be unassailable, stand on their own after a family affair at Cincinnati over the weekend.

Don Shula, whose ability to regain the Superbowl was questioned during the build-up to the season, has long been in charge of the Dolphins. The comparatively new coach of the Cincinnati Bengals is his son, David, and no paternal mercy was shown.

With little more than three minutes left, Marino began his attempt to overturn a 23-19 deficit. With 63 seconds remaining, he threw a 16-yard pass to O. J. McDuffy, which was enough to maintain Miami's unblemished start and strengthen their position at the top of the eastern division. Once Doug Pelfrey had missed a field goal from almost halfway to take the game into overtime, the elder Shula offered sympathy to his offspring. "It was a tough loss for him," he said, "as tough as it gets, when you seemingly have the game won."

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The Dallas Cowboys and the St Louis Rams, the only other previously undefeated teams, both went down narrowly. The Cowboys lost more than their first game. Troy Aitken, their quarterback, strained his right calf during the opening drive and could be missing for a fortnight.

Emmitt Smith, their running back, did not function as remorselessly as usual, either. For the first time in 11 games, he failed to claim a touchdown. In spite of a belated recovery under the guidance of Aitken's understudy, Wade Wilson, they submitted to the Washington Redskins 27-23.

The Rams were able neither to resist the intrusions of Marshall Faulk, a running back who rushed for 177 yards and scored three touchdowns, nor to maintain their level of efficiency. Having avoided fumbles and interceptions in their first four games, they yielded possession three times.

The San Francisco 49ers, the reigning champions and heavily favoured to return to the Superbowl, surprisingly yielded their unbeaten record against the Detroit Lions eight days ago. "After that, we were ready for this game on the Tuesday," Ken Norton, one of their linebackers, said.

They did not appear to be fully prepared at home, though, for the defensive tactics of the New York Giants. Steve Young's passing intentions were initially either read or disrupted and he forged a lead of only 17-3 early in the second half.

The Giants were then the victims, or so they perceived, of official misjudgment. In attempting to catch a pass thrown by Dave Brown, one of their receivers seemed to be illegitimately baulked. A yellow flag, denoting that an offence had been committed, fell. Yet the referee decreed that the mistake had been made by one of his assistants.

Brown's next pass was intercepted by Norton, the son of the former heavyweight world boxing champion, and the 49ers pulled themselves clear.

They were helped by the inexplicable mishandling of Rodney Hampton. A week after the running back had rushed for four touchdowns, an individual total unprecedented in Giants history, he set off towards another, but, a few yards short of the line and without an opponent near him, dropped the ball.

The 49ers claimed a touchdown for the 22nd successive game, an NFL record, and Young, in connecting with Jerry Rice, threw a touchdown pass for the sixteenth consecutive game, a club record. The Jacksonville Jaguars, one of the NFL's two newcomers, were relieved merely to record their first victory.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

David Stoddard, of Frank McCabe Civil Engineering, plays out of the trees on the 15th at Breadsall Priory

Allied pair return to national final

Mel Webb on a piece of Challenge history created by an insurance company's golfers

THE regional finals of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge got under way yesterday and a small piece of tournament history was created when two members of the winning team became the first players to claim a place in the national final for a second time.

The victorious quartet at Breadsall Priory Golf and Country Club came from the Yorkshire region of Allied Dunbar, two of whom, C. G. Peckham and Terry Gray, played in the national final at La Manga last year. "It's wonderful to be going back," Peckham said. "We had a super time in Spain last year, and we're really looking forward to be returning for the second year running."

Allied Dunbar went through only by the skin of their teeth — in a precisely calculated piece of brinkmanship they tied with BMI The Park Hospital and Arrow Chemicals with 92 Stableford points, but won on a countback of a back nine in which they scored an impressive 49 points.

They thought they were out of it when they totalled only a modest 43 on the outward half, but liberated by the belief they were no longer in contention, they went for broke on the second nine holes, putting together a marvellous run in which they scored 37 points in six holes from the 11th. It was to win them the competition.

The all-important sequence started with three consecutive sixes and finished with an eight on the 464-yard par-five 16th, achieved but rarely in the three years of this competition. Peckham, whose 11 handicap gave him a shot on the hole, sank a 15ft putt for a gross birdie four, net equal three for four points, and he was followed in from 10ft for another eagle by Greg Harrison, who also received a shot.

It was essentially a team effort, but without much doubt the performance of the day came from Harrison. A nine-handicap member of Howley Hall, near Leeds, he was level par through 17 holes on his first round on Breadsall Priory's Moorland course and then bogeyed the last. "It was the best round I've had in 21 years of playing this game," he said. "It could have been better too — I three-putted twice."

Allied Dunbar proved that in golf nothing is lost until the final shot has been struck. They were doubtful until almost the last minute that they would reach the regional finals, and ultimately their total of 143 scraped in by only one point.

Their lowly position in the qualifying competition meant that they were second off yesterday morning and, having signed for their score, they then had to endure an agonising two-hour wait to see if they had booked a place at La Manga in November.

"The waiting was awful," Peter Hurst, the fourth member of the team, said. "It was the most nerve-racking part of the day by far."

This victory means that the insurance giant, Allied Dunbar, will have had a national finalist in all three years of the competition — its West Region played at La Manga in 1993.

RESULTS: 92: Allied Dunbar (Yorkshire Region). BMI The Park Hospital; Arrow Chemicals Ltd (Allied Dunbar win on countback of last nine holes). 91: Railtrack North-East Zone. 90: Orchard Toys. 89: Tandridge Ltd. 87: Skipton Building Society. 86: DBS Management PLC; Allied Dunbar (Yorkshire Region); Aldwood & Casson. 85: P A Business Systems. 84: Clerical Medical Investment Group; J Howell & Son Ltd; Chandale Homes Ltd. 83: Bates Weston. 82: Carlton UK Television. 81: ICL. F McCabe Civil Engineering; Posford Duvivier. 79: SK Construction Ltd; Lambson GR Moortown. 78: AIS Yorkshire; H Turner & Son Ltd. 77: Lantern Engineering Ltd. 76: Uponor Ltd.

Woosnam and Faldo among those to miss Wentworth

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

SAM TORRANCE was duly confirmed in the field for the Toyota World Match Play Championship yesterday after accepting a last-minute invitation, but the announcement of the 12-man field was notable for the omission of Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam. They have each won the event twice, and are missing from the autumn golf classic for the first time since 1986. Faldo was not available, Woosnam has not won a tournament this season.

The last few events of this momentous season in Europe promise to be memorable. Torrance, who will be making his third appearance at Wentworth, and Colin Montgomerie have been scrapping for the European order of merit for some weeks, with Montgomerie leading by less than £1,000 with two tournaments remaining. As a result of his victory in Ireland on Sunday, Bernhard Langer is closing on them with a late sprint, and may yet be involved when the season officially ends at Valderrama, in Spain, in three weeks. The one thing that is certain about Langer is that he can never be counted out.

There will be a temporary lull in the battle between the two Scots and the German at Wentworth next week, because the event does not count for the order of merit. However, all three will remain in the public eye because Langer and Montgomerie are joining Torrance in the field.

Montgomerie seems to have been around for so long that it comes as a surprise to discover that this is only his fourth World Match Play. Torrance's two previous appearances were in 1984 and 1985. Langer, who went back to third in the world rankings after his victory in the European Open on Sunday, was runner-up to Severiano Ballesteros in 1984 and 1985.

The organisers have capitalised on the enormous upsurge of affection for Costantino Rocca. He will bring one of the warmest and widest smiles in golf — as well as one of the best techniques in the game — to the event for the first time. I hope that the Italian also brings his jaunty red cap, which brightened up the proceedings no end in Ireland. It even has ear flaps if the weather turns really cold.

The field also includes Ben Crenshaw, the Masters champion, Steve Elkington, the Australian who defeated Montgomerie in a play-off for the US PGA title, and Lee Janzen and David Duval, the Americans. Corey Pavin, the US Open champion, and John Daly, the Open champion, were not available.

Ernie Els, the champion, Nick Price, Vijay Singh and Katsuyoshi Tomori, the Japanese who made such an impression at the Open and who is appearing at Wentworth for the first time, complete the field.

It is a strong field, and provided that the weather remains benevolent, the event is likely to be as good as those of previous years. It will be odd, though, not to be able to watch Ballesteros in an environment that he clearly loves, and playing a type of golf at which he excels. The five-month rest from golf that Ballesteros has just begun means that he is absent for the first time since 1976.



Torrance: accepted late invitation

It also means that he is unable to equal Gary Player's record of 20 appearances in this event, which may have been the reason why Torrance's invitation was extended so long after everyone else's.

WENTWORTH LINE-UP: E Els (SA), B Crenshaw (US), D Duval (US), S Elkington (Aus), L Janzen (US), B Langer (Ger), C Montgomerie (Scot), N Price (Zim), C Rocca (It), V Singh (Fiji), K Tomori (Japan), S Torrance (Scot).

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Pension tax equality required

Wielockx v Inspecteur der Directe Belastingen

Case C-80/94

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, P. Jann, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, D. A. O. Edward, G. Hirsch, H. Ragnemalm and L. Sévon

Advocate General P. Léger

(Opinion May 31)

[Judgment August 11]

Where by an income tax rule of a member state residents were allowed to deduct from their pre-tax income business profits allocated to form a pension reserve but non-resident Community nationals were not so allowed, the rule involved discrimination contrary to article 52 of the EC Treaty concerning the abolition of restrictions on freedom of establishment, in so far as it concerned non-residents who received all or almost of their income in the state in question, and such discrimination was not justified by the fact that periodic pension payments subsequently drawn out of the reserve by the non-resident taxpayer were, by a double taxation convention, taxed not in that state but in the taxpayer's state of residence.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the Treaty by the Gerechtshof te 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands.

The proceedings concerned a Belgian national resident in Belgium who received his entire income from his partnership in a physiotherapy practice in The Netherlands and was liable to pay tax in that country.

The Netherlands inspector of direct taxes refused to allow Mr Wielockx to deduct from his taxable income a sum representing his contribution to a pension reserve.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

While direct taxation fell within the competence of the member states, the latter had to exercise that competence consistently with Community law and therefore avoid any overt or covert discrimination by reason of nationality: Case C-279/93 *Finanzamt Köln-Altstadt v Schumacker* (*The Times* February 24, 1995; [1995] ECR I-225).

Discrimination arose, inter alia, through the application of different rules to comparable situations.

In relation to direct taxes, the situations of residents and non-residents in a given state were not generally comparable, since there were objective differences between them from the point of view of the source of the income and the possibility of taking account of their ability to pay tax or their personal and family circumstances: see *Schumacker*, paragraph 31 onwards.

A difference in treatment between those two categories of taxpayers could not therefore in itself be categorised as discrimination within the meaning of the Treaty.

However, a non-resident taxpayer, whether employed or self-employed, who received all or almost all of his income in the state where he worked was objectively in the same situation in so far as concerned income tax as a resident of that state who did the same work there; both were taxed in that state alone and their taxable income was the same.

If a non-resident taxpayer was not given the same tax treatment as regards deductions from his taxable income as a resident, his personal situation would be taken into account neither by the tax authorities of the state where he worked, because he was not resident there, nor by the state of residence, because he received no income there; consequently his overall tax burden would be greater and he would be at a disadvantage compared to a resident.

It followed that a non-resident taxpayer, who, as in the instant case, received all or almost all of his income in the state where he worked but was not entitled to set up a pension reserve qualifying for deductions under the same tax conditions as a resident taxpayer, suffered discrimination.

In order to justify the fiscal disadvantage suffered in that respect by non-resident taxpayers, The Netherlands relied on the principle of fiscal cohesion laid down in Case C-204/90 *Bachmann v Belgium* ([1992] ECR I-249), according to which there must be a correlation between the sums which were deducted from the taxable income and the sums which were subject to tax.

If, it was said, a non-resident could set up a pension reserve in The Netherlands and thus secure a right to a pension, that pension would not be taxed in The Netherlands since, by virtue of the Double-Taxation Convention between Belgium and the Netherlands 1970, such income was taxed in the state of residence.

However, the effect of double-taxation conventions which, like the one referred to above, followed the OECD model, was that the state taxed all pensions received by residents in its territory, whatever the state in which the contributions were paid, but, conversely, waived the right to tax pensions received abroad even if they derived from contributions paid in its territory which it treated as deductible.

Fiscal cohesion had not, therefore, been established in relation to one and the same person by a strict correlation between the deductibility of contributions and the taxation of pensions, but was shifted to another level, that of the reciprocity of the rules applicable in the contracting states.

Since fiscal cohesion was secured by a bilateral convention concluded with another member state, that principle could not be invoked to justify the refusal of a deduction such as that in issue.

In any event, the tax authorities could always collect all necessary information pursuant to Council Directive 77/799/EEC of December 19, 1977 concerning mutual assistance by the competent authorities of the member states in the field of direct taxation (OJ 1977 L336 p15).

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled:

A rule laid down by a member state which allowed its residents to deduct from their taxable income business profits which they allocated to form a pension reserve but denied that benefit to Community nationals liable to pay tax who, although resident in another member state, received all or almost all of their income in the first state, could not be justified by the fact that the periodic pension payments subsequently drawn out of the pension reserve by the non-resident taxpayer were not taxed in the first state but in the state of residence, with which the first state had concluded a double-taxation convention, even if, under the tax system in force in the first state, a strict correspondence between the deductibility of the amounts added to the pension reserve and the liability to tax of the amounts drawn out of it could not be achieved by generalising the benefit.

Such discrimination was therefore contrary to article 52 of the EC Treaty.

Family entitlement to sickness benefit abroad

Delavant v Allgemeine Ortskrankenkasse für das Saarland

Case C-451/93

Where a worker resided in a member state other than that in which he worked and was insured under the legislation of the latter state, it was that legislation which governed the entitlement of members of his family to sickness benefits in kind, in so far as those members of the family were not entitled to such benefits under the legislation of their state of residence.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on June 8 on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Landessozialgericht für das Saarland (Higher Social Court, Saarland) for a preliminary ruling on a question relating to the interpretation of provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of June 14, 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, self-employed persons and members of their families moving within the Community, as codified by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2001/83 of June 2, 1983 (OJ 1983 L230 p6), in proceedings brought by a French national who worked in France and lived in Germany.

The court said that it followed from article 19(1) of Regulation 2001/83 that a worker residing in a member state other than that in which he worked was subject to the legislation of the latter state so far as conditions for entitlement to benefits was concerned, and once that entitlement had been recognised, he had the right to receive, at the expense of the state in which he worked, benefits in kind provided by the institution of his place of residence within the limits and in accordance with the provisions of the legislation administered by that institution, as if were insured with it.

By article 19(2), article 19(1) applied by analogy to members of his family, in so far as they were not entitled to sickness benefits under the legislation of the state in which they resided.

Sheehan on Bridge

Dealer North — Love all — IMP's

North: ♠K 10 6 5, ♥J, ♦A Q, ♣K J 10 5 4 3

West: ♠A Q 8 7, ♥K 10 7 6 5, ♦10 2, ♣9 8

East: ♠9 3 2, ♥9 8 3 2, ♦K 7 6, ♣Q 7 6

South: ♠J 4, ♥A Q 4, ♦J 9 8 5 4 3, ♣A 2

W	N	E	S
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

Contract: 3 NT by South. Lead: Six of hearts

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

This is a hand from American Summer Nationals, reported by our man at the event, ex-World Champion Ronnie Rubin. It is about organisation of entries, a bread-and-butter part of the game. It's not difficult, but it does require the declarer to foresee the play.

The opening lead of a heart is won by dummy's jack. How should declarer proceed?

If declarer plays on clubs straight away, he may only come to five clubs, two hearts and a diamond before the defence sets up three heart tricks to go with the queen of clubs and the ace of spades. On the other hand, if declarer tries ace and queen of diamonds, East will duck the queen and now the entry to the clubs has gone.

The solution is to lead the queen of diamonds from dummy at trick two. If it holds, declarer switches to clubs, and even if East returns a diamond after taking the queen of clubs declarer can take the clubs and play spades, eventually making a trick in that suit. All he will lose is two spades, a diamond and a club.

If East takes the queen of diamonds with the king, and switches to hearts, South wins and tests diamonds. If they split 3-2 he is home, and if they are 4-1, he then has to hope West has the Q, Q x or Q x x of clubs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Word-watching

By Philip Howard

MITRAILLEUSE
a. A machine gun
b. A camp-follower
c. A vivandière

CATAPHRACT
a. Mail armour
b. A break-down
c. A military detachment

GUIDON
a. An artillery direction
b. A pennant
c. A Spanish partisan

PLASTRON
a. A breastplate
b. A tortoise's underbelly
c. Front of a dress shirt

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Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

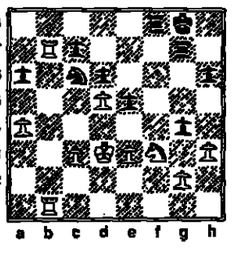
Kasparov's missed chance

Sensing that his moment had come, world champion Garry Kasparov probed incessantly in the drawish-looking ending of game 12 in the New York Intel World Championship, seeking to exploit the slightest chink in Anand's defence. After 30 moves it appeared that Kasparov's efforts would be rewarded with success.

This can be seen from the diagram position.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Intel World Championship, Game 12, 1995

Position after Black's thirtieth move



As we saw yesterday, Kasparov now continued with 31 dxc6 and Anand succeeded in holding the draw. However, in the diagram position Kasparov missed an opportunity which, if seized, might have permitted him to score a hat-trick of wins. The correct move from the diagram would have been 31 hxg4 when there are three variations:

1)
31 ... e4+
32 Kxe4 Ne7
33 Rxc7 Rxg4+
34 Kd3 Nxd5
with advantage to White. In this line White also has 33 g5 which is extremely strong.

2)
31 ... e4+
32 Kxe4 Rxg4+
33 Kd3 Ne7
34 c4 Rxg2
35 Nd4 with a great advantage to White.

3)
31 ... Rxg4
32 dxc6 e4+
33 Kc2 exd3
34 gxd3 Rxd3
35 Rxc7 when White's passed pawn on c6 is extremely dangerous.

Chess for charity

On the evening of Saturday, October 14, I shall be giving a chess simultaneous display against allcomers in aid of the Westminster Society for mentally handicapped children and adults. To reserve a place call the organiser for Westminster Mencap, Wilfred Rodwell on 0181 202 7821.

New Times chess book

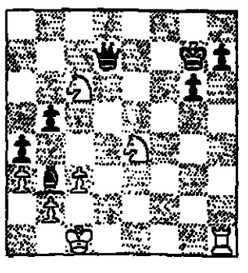
Improve your game with Ray Keene's latest book, The Times *Winning Chess*, just published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders 01376 327901).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Saturday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Winning Move

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, Game 10 1993. It appears that White's attack has burnt out, but he has a final, winning trick up his sleeve. Can you spot it?



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RFU wants to meet League over contracts

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

NOW that the cement of amateurism which sustained a wall between the two rugby codes for a century has been picked away by the International Rugby Football Board, rugby union's governing bodies hope to stabilise their game by legal contract. To that end the Rugby Football Union (RFU) hopes to meet the Rugby Football League to discuss the effect of professional contracts in sport.

"We are in another world, that of professionalism, and our earlier guidelines are things of the past," John Jeavons-Fellows, the RFU executive committee's chairman-designate, said yesterday. In rugby league, professionals may not indulge in any other sporting activity without the written consent of their club, which would clearly not be given for involvement in another physical contact game where injury was a risk.

Such a regulation would hold good for the RFU as it works out contracts for its own players. That should be by the end of this month and will coincide with the refinements to be made to the England training squad preparing for the international match against South Africa on November 18.

The England management seeks to establish a squad of 26 which will serve for the programme this season — though not for the proposed international next May against New Zealand, which will now not take place unless the All Blacks can find a hole in their representative schedule.

Jack Rowell, the team manager, is unabashed by criticism of his decision not to nominate England's captain so early in the season. "I wanted to let the dust settle after the World Cup, allow a period for reflection and then get into a new season with all the potential England players vying for selection," he said.

That Will Carling's continued captaincy had become an issue of public debate was not his choosing, Rowell added, nor that it had been exacerbated by Carling's well-documented domestic difficulties. But the manager sees few other candidates, particularly in a season when England are preparing for change to several key personnel. "Both Will and I know where we stand on the captaincy," he said obliquely.

That the balance of England's back row is wrong is now admitted and Rowell is in search of a specialist open-side flanker. The three No 8s — Dean Richards, Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke — performed well enough to hold their places in the World Cup. "But we need an open-side who will stay in the ball-carrier's pocket," Rowell said.

He does not regard Clarke as a natural open-side, in which respect Clarke would be the first to agree, and the Bath player's way may be cleared if Richards is suspended this week as a result of having collected two yellow warning cards on successive league weekends.

England took only one genuine open-side to the World Cup, Leicester's Neil Back, but he now faces a challenge from the uncapped Harlequin, Rory Jenkins, who enjoyed a successful tour of Australia with England A. With Steve Ojomoh having settled as a No 8 or blind-side flanker, Rowell seeks a player to fit "the multi-faceted nature of the position which makes it unique".

It may be argued that, since the retirement of Peter Winterbottom in 1993, England have turned their face against such specialist qualities for the sake of size. Their South African experience has shown the error of their ways.

The RFU has added Ricoh, the office equipment company, to its elite sponsors in a deal worth £500,000 over three years. Though a sponsor is still awaited for the England squad, Ricoh has expressed interest in working with the players which could swell the money available for contracted internationals.

JOHN HOULIHAN



Offiah, right, and Radlinksi, who were both declared fit for England's opening match, train yesterday

Larder weighs selection options

By Christopher Irvine

PHIL LARDER was critical of his full back's parents before training last week. "They only had one Gary Connolly," the England rugby league coach said. "I just wish they'd had two." Now, he is without the one. Medical reports on Connolly's pneumonia will determine today whether he can take any part in the Halifax World Cup this month.

The Wigan player's absence from England's opening group match, against Australia, after a weekend in hospital and an apparent loss of a stone in weight, has not emptied Larder's stock of full backs for Wembley on Saturday, but the three options open to him involve experimenting with one of two teenagers, or moving Jason Robinson from the right wing.

A danger in switching Robinson, apart from possibly blunting his attacking sharpness, is the added disruption that it would cause to the back line. Paul Cook, 19, the Leeds wing and a surprise inclusion in the 25-man party, has had a fine extended run at full back because of an injury to Alan Tait. Kris Radlinski, also 19, has also made several impressive appearances there for Wigan this season. He is a strong candidate to start on Saturday in the centre — he passed a test on an ankle strain yesterday — unless Larder opts for Barrie-Jon Mather alongside Paul Newlove in the positional role-swapping.

If Connolly is ruled out of the three-week tournament, Larder can gamble elsewhere. The only experienced full back not of veteran status is Richard Gay, of Hull, who figured in an under-strength England side in a disappointing European championship campaign last season.

The debilitating virus that struck Connolly a week ago was a particularly unfortunate blow, although Martin Offiah has shaken off a troublesome calf injury and the Wigan left wing is fit, one of several automatic choices Larder will be relieved to announce tomorrow.

New Zealand will almost certainly meet the winners of the opening match in the semi-finals. The No 3 seeds must first negotiate Tonga and Papua New Guinea. They were beaten 3-0 by Australia in the summer, could only draw against France, and have since been to military camp to get back to basics.

Frank Endacott, the New Zealand coach, said that his side was a "distant third" to Australia, favourites to retain their title, and England. "Kiwis are always best when they've got their backs to the wall," he said. "We all know this tournament is teed-up for an Australia-England final. We just believe we could spoil the party."

Western Samoa, in the same group as Wales and France, will have their first training session in Cardiff. John Schuster, of Halifax, the Samoa captain, believes that they have the element of surprise in having not played together before. "Neither will have seen us," he said.

Graham Lowe, the Samoa coach who started the Wigan ball rolling in the mid-Eighties, said that his side would be ready. "On an individual basis, Western Samoa have some of the best players in the world, and don't need a lot of time to gel," he said.

□ A threat to the Scottish Rugby Union has emerged with the proposal for the Border Reivers rugby league team, which could be operating in the second division by the new summer season next March, with a £500,000 budget to build a squad. Bob Jamieson, the businessman behind the venture, sees no conflict in players swapping between codes. "If we recruited some big names from Border clubs, they would still be able to play for them during the winter," he said.

Warwickshire give Donald new role

ALLAN DONALD, the South Africa fast bowler, has agreed a one-year contract as Warwickshire's bowling fitness coach next summer. He will also play at weekends for Rishton, the Lancashire League champions, but not for the county, for whom he played a big part in their winning of the Britannic Assurance Championship this summer. Rishton's former professionals include Viv Richards and Michael Holding.

Warwickshire will wait until the end of October for a decision on whether Brian Lara, who wants to take a break from cricket, will return as their overseas player in 1996. Next year could also be the last for Warwickshire's captain, Dermot Reeve, under whose leadership they have won five trophies. "Warwickshire have offered me a two-year contract, but I've asked if I can put a clause into it so I've got the option of quitting at the end of next season," Reeve said yesterday. "I'm 32 now and it's hard work to keep the body in shape."

Yankees reach play-offs

BASEBALL: The New York Yankees earned a place in the play-offs for the first time since 1981 with a 6-1 victory over Toronto Blue Jays on the last day of the regular season, their fifth successive victory securing the American League wild-card spot. "It took the best month in Yankee history to get this far," their pitcher, David Cone, said. They will play either California Angels or Seattle Mariners, who meet in Seattle next Monday with the Western Division title at stake after the Angels beat Oakland Athletics 8-2 and the Mariners lost 9-3 to Texas Rangers.

Panthers bound ahead

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison and Nottingham Panthers completed a successful first weekend as the British League got under way. Basingstoke, having ended Durham Wasps' unbeaten record on Saturday, travelled to the North East and defeated Newcastle Warriors 4-3 on Sunday.

Nottingham, after scoring 11 goals against Slough Jets, beat Humberside Hawks 9-3 despite being without three injured players, while Wasps made a determined recovery in winning 5-2 at home to Cardiff.

BAF bids to play host

ATHLETICS: The British Athletic Federation confirmed yesterday that it would bid for the 2001 world championships. The federation council authorised the executive chairman, Peter Radford, to "aggressively pursue" the bid. The council also decided to look at ways of improving communications with some of the country's leading performers, after a season riddled with rows over pay and international selection. The federation spokesman, Tony Ward, said too much dialogue had been through the media.

Youngsters lift England

BADMINTON: A fine, late-night victory by Neil Cottrill and John Quinn at St Austell on Sunday gave England two reasons to be pleased with their progress in the six-match series with China. The skilful youngsters revealed steady nerves in their 18-14, 15-2 triumph over Zhu Feng and Ji Xinpeng, which completed a 3-2 match victory. England lead the series 3-1.

Cardiff keeps Open

SQUASH: A £500,000 sponsorship deal has been secured with the Leekes department store group that will keep the British Open championships in Cardiff for the next two years. The event could stay permanently, despite spending 72 years in England before the move to Wales last season. Gerald Leeke, the group managing director, said the Welsh capital could compete with any sporting venue in the world.



TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

Coca-Cola Cup
Second round, second leg
Arsenal (3) v Hartlepool (0) (7.45)
Barnsley (0) v Huddersfield (2) (7.45)
Bournemouth (1) v Watford (1) (7.45)
Brentford (0) v Bolton (1) (7.45)
Burnley (0) v Leicester (2)
Bury (1) v Sheffield Utd (2)
Charlton (5) v Wimbledon (4) (7.45)
Crystal Palace (2) v Southend (2) (7.45)
Fulham (0) v Wolverhampton (2) (7.45)
Grimsby (1) v Birmingham (3) (7.45)
Ipswich (1) v Stockport (1) (7.45)
Notts County (0) v Leeds (0) (7.45)
Peterborough (0) v Aston Villa (6) (7.45)
QPR (1) v Oxford Utd (1) (7.45)
Rotherham (1) v Middlesbrough (2)
West Bromwich (1) v Reading (1) (7.45)
*York (3) v Manchester Utd (0) (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Rangers v Motherwell

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge v Barrow; Buxton v Droylsden; Emley v Spennymoor; Frickley v Boston, Gainsborough v Matlock, Marine v Knowsley. First division: Atherton LR v Fleetwood; Harrogate Town v Lincoln United; Lancaster v Leigh; Netherfield v Gretna, Whitley Bay v Bradford Pk Ave; Workington v Great Harwood.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First Round, First Leg: Atherstone v Tamworth, Bashley v Weymouth, Bilston v Sutton Coldfield Town; Buckingham Town v Braintree: Burton v Gresley, Bury Town v Baldock, Cambridge City v Sudbury; Crawley v Hastings; Dorchester v Havant; Fisher 93 v Erith and Belvedere; Grantham v Ilkeston, Gravesend and Northfleet v Chelmsford, Halesowen Town v Worcester; Hinckley Town v Bedworth, Leicester United v Paget R; Racing Club Warwick v Moor Green, Redditch v Evesham; Rushden and Diamonds v King'S Lynn; Stourbridge v Dudley Town, Stafford v Bridgnorth; Tonbridge Angels v Ashford; Trowbridge v Yate; Weston-super-Mare v Cheltenham.

ICIS FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chertsey v Aylesbury; Enfield v Walton and Hersham, Hayes v Worthing; Kingstonian v Grays. First division: Thame Utd v Aldershot Town; Wembley v Wokingham. Second division: Banstead v Ware; Canvey Island v Bedford T; Dorking v Hungerford. Third division: Harefield v Tring; Hertford v Leighton; Northwood v Clapton; Southall v Epsom and Ewell.

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: First round: Group One: Bangor City v Porthmadog. Group Two: Connah's Quay v Rhyl, Flint v Holywell. Group Three: Caersws v Newtown. Group Four: Afan Lido v Briton Ferry.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Royston v Langford, Potters Bar v Arlesey Town; Letchworth v Welwyn Garden

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Backwell.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Plymouth v Bath.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE INDUSTRIAL REWINDS LEAGUE CUP: First Round: Chasetown v Shifnal T; Halesowen Harr v Barwell; Rocester v Willenhall.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street v Eppleton CW, Tow Law v Dunston Federation. Second division: Alnwick v Morpeth. Ashington v Ryhope CA.

ULSTER CUP: Quarter-finals: Crusaders v Distillery, Glenavon v Glentoran; Coleraine v Linfield; Ards v Portadown.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier Division: Stourport S v Bloxwich S

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division league cup: First round: Basildon U v Eton Manor; Stansted v Burnham Ramblers

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Halstead; Hadleigh U v Felixstowe.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover v Totton; Bemerton Heath v BAT.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Three Bridges v Pagham. Shoreham v Crowborough.

UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Eastbourne v Eastbourne Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: Louth v Hall Road; Ossett Town v Eccleshill

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: West Ham v Leyton Orient.

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Sligo v Drogheda.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Fuji Film Trophy: First Round: South Tyneside v Darlington (South Shields, 7.0). Inter-county under-16: Cheshire v Shropshire (King Alfred School, Chester, 5.0). Tyne and Wear League: Gateshead v Sunderland (6.0).

RUGBY UNION

Representative match
Newport v Barbarians (7.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Cambridge City (7.15). Ebbw Vale v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0), London Irish v Loughborough Students

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Coventry (7.45).

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Atlanta 30 New England 17; Miami 26 Cincinnati 23; Tampa Bay 20 Carolina 13; Philadelphia 15 New Orleans 10. Washington 27 Dallas 23, Indianapolis 21 St Louis 18, Kansas City 24 Arizona 3. Jacksonville 17 Houston 16, Seattle 27 Denver 10; Pittsburgh 31 San Diego 16. San Francisco 20 New York Giants 6, Oakland 47 New York Jets 10

American Football Conference

East division

	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	4	0	121	50
Buffalo	2	1	58	45
Indianapolis	2	2	83	86
New England	1	3	40	92
NY Jets	1	4	78	149
Central division				
Cleveland	3	1	85	47
Pittsburgh	3	2	122	120
Cincinnati	2	3	120	126
Houston	2	3	88	96
Jacksonville	1	4	61	101
West division				
Kansas City	4	1	118	82
Oakland	4	1	149	65
San Diego	3	2	81	85
Seattle	2	2	71	79
Denver	2	3	97	113

National Football Conference

East division

	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	4	1	146	85
Philadelphia	2	3	90	125
Washington	2	3	99	102
Arizona	1	4	69	133
NY Giants	1	4	74	118
Central division				
Green Bay	3	1	79	61
Tampa Bay	3	2	67	72
Chicago	2	2	108	81
Minnesota	2	2	95	85
Detroit	1	3	74	87
West division				
Atlanta	4	1	103	105
St Louis	4	1	117	86
San Francisco	4	1	137	68
Carolina	0	4	52	105
New Orleans	0	5	98	128

* Does not include game played last night.

BADMINTON

ST AUSTELL: International match (England names first). Men: Singles: D Hall bt Sun Quan 12-15, 15-7, 17-16. Doubles: N Cottrill and J Quinn bt Zhu Feng and Ji Xinpeng 18-14, 15-2. Mixed doubles: Quinn and S Hardaker bt Y Wei and Q Hong 15-6, 15-5. Women: Singles: J Muggeridge lost to Zhu Yunyi 12-9, 11-5. Doubles: N Beck and J Davies lost to W Li and Q Hong 10-15, 18-14, 1-15. England win match 3-2 and series 3-1.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: colorado 10 San Francisco 9; Houston 8 Chicago 7; Cincinnati 5 Montreal 1. New York 1 Atlanta 0 (11 inns). Pittsburgh 10 St Louis 4; Los Angeles 4 San Diego 1; Florida 8 Philadelphia 2.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
*Atlanta	90	54	625	—
New York	69	75	.479	21
Philadelphia	69	75	.479	21
Florida	67	76	.469	22½
Montreal	66	78	.458	24
Central division				
*Cincinnati	85	59	590	—
Houston	76	68	528	9
Chicago	73	71	507	12
St Louis	62	81	434	22½
Pittsburgh	58	86	403	27
West division				
*Los Angeles	78	66	542	—
†Colorado	77	67	.535	1
San Diego	70	74	486	8
San Francisco	67	77	.465	11

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 6 Toronto 1; Texas 9 Seattle 3; California 8 Oakland 2; Cleveland 17 Kansas City 7, Baltimore 4 Detroit 0; Chicago 2 Minnesota 1 (11 inns). Milwaukee 8 Boston 1

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
*Boston	86	58	597	—
†New York	79	65	549	7
Baltimore	71	73	493	15
Detroit	60	84	417	26
Toronto	56	88	389	30
Central division				
*Cleveland	100	44	.694	—
Kansas City	70	74	.486	30
Chicago	68	76	.472	32
Milwaukee	65	79	.451	35
Minnesota	56	88	.389	44
West division				
California	78	66	.542	—
Seattle	78	66	.542	—
Texas	74	70	.514	4
Oakland	67	77	465	11

* denotes divison winner
† denotes wild-card play-off qualifier

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leopards 77 London Towers 91.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
London	5	4	1	405	366	8
Derby	6	3	3	514	517	6
Sheffield	4	3	1	313	271	6
Manchester	3	2	1	263	250	4
Thames Valley	5	2	3	403	428	4
Worthing	3	2	1	283	263	4
Birmingham	4	2	2	371	380	4
Chester	3	1	2	243	240	2
Doncaster	4	1	3	306	346	2
Hemel	3	1	2	261	266	2
Leicester	4	1	3	270	313	2
Leopards	2	1	1	184	179	2
Newcastle	2	1	1	224	221	2

7-UP TROPHY: Chester 87 Leicester 85.

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY ARENA: Horse of the Year Show: The Speedway: 1, Lismore (G Mullins, Ire) 22pt, 49.26sec; 2, Bofando de Malesan Bordeaux (E Wauters) 21, 48.05, 3, Dun Equity (K Shore) 21, 49.89. Golden Saddle Grand Prix: 1, Everest Showtime (N Skelton) clear 34.46sec, 2, Ghandy (P Darragh, Ire) 35.79; 3, Tees Hanauer (R Smith) 37.31

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 1 Ferro 1; Velez 1 Huracan 2; Colon 1 Newell's 1; Arg Juniors 0 Lanus 3, Belgrano 0 Platense 0; Rosario Central 2 Deportivo Español 1. River 2 Estudiantes 2. Independiente 2 Racing 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Cruzeiro 5 Botafogo 3, Palmeiras 3 Gremio 0; Vitoria 0 Bragantino 1; Paysand 2 Guarani 2; Juventude 1 Corinthians 0; Parana 2 Flamengo 0; Vasco Da Gama 2 Atletico Mineiro 3 Fluminense 1 Goias 0. Internacional 0 Portuguesa 1; Santos 3 Bahia 2; São Paulo 1 Criciuma 0.

GOLF

PINE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA: Buick Challenge: Final scores (US unless stated): 272: F Funk 69, 67, 69, 67. 273: L Roberts 70, 69, 67, 67; J Morse 71, 68, 67, 67. 274: G Boros 68, 69, 72, 65; J Sluman 67, 69 70, 68; K Triplett 71, 66, 69, 68. 275: D Ogrin 70, 68, 70, 67. 276: S Hoch 70, 70, 69, 67. J Huston 67, 71, 70, 68; L Nelson 71, 65, 70, 70. S Stricker 66, 67, 72, 71. 277: B Burns 71, 71, 68, 67; M Heinen 68, 73, 73, 63; G Day 68, 67, 74, 68; B Bryant 70, 69, 70, 68; S Gump 69, 73, 67, 68; R Lohr 74, 68, 65, 70. 278: J Leonard 69, 67, 71, 71; S Jones 70, 69, 69, 70. 279: G Norman (Aus) 71, 68, 72, 68; J Gallagher 71, 70, 69, 69; J Adams 68, 68, 72, 71; M Smith 69, 73, 66, 71.

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: Fieldcrest Classic: Final scores (US unless noted): 273: G Graham (Can) 67, 68, 69, 69. 275: T Green 67, 71, 67, 70. 277: K Lunn (Aus) 70, 67, 71, 69; J Inkster 67, 71, 70, 69; H Kobayashi (Japan) 65, 71, 69, 72. 279: H Alfredsson (Swe) 68, 73, 72, 66. 280: J Geddes 72, 68, 72, 68; N Lopez 68, 70, 71, 71, M Dunn 72, 69, 70, 69; S Farwig 71, 71, 71, 68. Other scores: 282: S Little (SA) 68, 70, 76, 69. 283: E Dahllof (Swe) 71, 70, 70, 72. 284: L Neumann (Swe) 71, 73, 72, 68. 285: C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 70, 71, 73, 71; L Walters (Can) 70, 74, 69, 72. 286: C Nilsmark (Swe) 72, 71, 73, 73. 290: J Udback (Peru) 71, 72, 70, 77. 292: A Dibos (Peru) 71, 72, 76, 73.

CLEMMONS, North Carolina: Vantage Seniors' championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 199: H Irwin 66, 68, 65. 203: D Stockton 68, 66, 69. 206: R Floyd 70, 69, 67. 207: R Thompson 69, 69, 69; I Aoki (Japan) 68, 70, 69; J Albus 71, 66, 70; G Player (SA) 70, 67, 70; M Hill 67, 69, 71. 208: D Douglass 71, 70, 67. 209: J Kiefer 71, 72, 66, J C Snead 74, 68, 67; T Wargo 69, 71, 69; D Eichelberger 71, 69, 69; B E Smith 67, 72, 70; S Hobday 73, 65, 71; L Trevino 70, 67, 72.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, C Montgomerie £626,651.40; 2, S Torrance £625,671.28; 3, B Langer (Ger) £497,864.17; 4, C Rocca (It) £459,845.29; 5, M Campbell (NZ) £359,239.33, 6, M James £265,827.64; 7, B Lane £259,196.13; 8, W Riley (Aus) £237,432.43; 9, P O'Malley (Aus) £234,378.67. 10, P Walton £218,058.39; 11, H Clark £215,168.88; 12, D Clarke £208,675.42; 13, P Broadhurst £191,867.66; 14, J Rivero (Sp) £179,903.20; 15, F Nobilo (NZ) £173,456.33; 16, M Gronberg (Swe) £167,488.29; 17, D Gilford £167,323.63; 18, J Parnevik (Swe) £164,864.11; 19, J Sandelin (Swe) £159,106.55; 20, A Cejka (Ger) £157,114.89.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham 5 Cardiff 2; Humberside 3 Nottingham 9; Newcastle 3 Basingstoke 4; Slough 5 Sheffield 13. First division: Blackburn 9 Swindon 12; Chelmsford 3 Telford 13; Manchester 6 Dumfries 2; Medway 8 Billingham 4; Murrayfield 1 Bracknell 6; Paisley 8 Peterborough 1; Solihull 8 Guildford 18.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES: Patriot stages (Wales): 1, P Lloyd (Metro 6R4) 1hr 39:43sec; 2, Price (Metro 6R4) 1:39:49; 3, R Horton (Darrian T9) 1:45:07. Wheeler Wheels Stages (Sussex): 1, Stocker (Escort) 40:52; 2, Martin (Escort) 42:17; 3, R Pugh (Peugeot 205) 42:19. Holland Birkett rally (Hampshire): 1, V Chadwick (Saab 9000) 366pts; 2, J Golbey (Citroen BX) 357; 3, J Hogg (Sierra) 340. Rally Bristowe (Somerset): 1, G Taylor (Sunbeam Imp Sport) 25:22; 2, P Loveridge (Austin Mini) 25:46; 3, D Appleton (Morris Cooper S) 26:01.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF Target Club championships: Saturday aggregate (300, 600, 900, 1,100 yards): 1, D Calvert 192.26pts; 2, C Hockley 191.23; 3, W Sharmen 191.22. 300 yards: 1, Sharmen 15.50.09. 500 yards: 1, Sharmen 15.07. 600 yards: 1, S Yeomans 49.06. 1,100 yards 1, Calvert 48.06; 2, Hockley 48.05; 3, I Robertson 47.04. 900 yards 1, B Jones 74.07; 2, Mrs K Clarke 73.09; 3, G Harris 73.09. 1,000 yards: 1, G Cox 73.5; 2, J Welch 68.6; 3, Calvert 66.4. Long range aggregates: 1, Calvert 183.15; 2, Harris 182.13; 3, Sharmen 178. Grand aggregate: 1, Calvert 428.34; 2, Harris 422.27; 3, Sharmen 418.81. RAF TRC championship: 1, Cox 284.27; 2, B Jones 282.29; 3, Sharmen 281.29. United Banks championship: 1, P Johnson (Lloyds) 149.23; 2, G Beylis (Lloyds) 148.22; 3, I Jones (Barclays) 148.22. Clubs match: 1, North London 1722 (C Cheshire) 220.29; 2, London and Middlesex 1709 (S Penrose) 217.25; 3, Surrey 1706 (D Armstrong) 218.24.

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Narbonne 14 Agen 12; Toulouse 19 Toulon 12; Grenoble 18 Perpignan 9; Nîmes 23 Racing 15; Bayonne 18 Nice 18. Pool two: Brive 26 Bourgoin 18, Dax 27 Colomiers 20; Montpellier 32 Pau 25; Montferrand 39 Rumilly 9; Castres 18 Bègles-Bordeaux 17.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Catania 13 Calvisano 9; Piacenza 25 San Doná 24; L'Aquila 27 Benetton Treviso 30; Roma 40 Livorno 14; Rovigo 50 Mirano 15; Petrarca Padova 22 Milan 23.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK, THAILAND: Classic tournament: First round: T Griffiths (Wales) bt R Surin (Thailand) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt A Davies (Wales) 5-4; D Finbow (Eng) bt D Harold (Eng) 5-3; T Drago (Malta) bt Y K Foot (Malaysia) 5-0. Second round: N Bond (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-0; D O'Kane (NZ) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng) 5-4.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Eastbourne 51 King's Lynn 45; Swindon 45 Bradford 51.
ACADEMY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final: Mildenhall 42 Stoke 66.
CITY OF GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL: 1, R Correy (Long Eaton); 2, C Louis (Ipswich); 3, J Lyons (Belle Vue); 4, H Nielsen.

SQUASH

NEWCASTLE: Northumbria championships: Finals: Men: B Beeson bt J Dale 7-9, 9-6, 0-9, 10-8, 9-0. Women: J Martin bt D Ross 9-0, 9-0, 9-2.

TENNIS

BASLE: Men's tournament: Final: J Courier (US) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.
THOUSAND OAKS, California: Men's tournament: Final: A Gomez (Ecu) bt J Kriek (US) 6-4, 7-6.
KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: First round: H Dreekman (Ger) bt D Sapsford (GB) 6-2, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt S Stolle (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Whitefield 3 Wessex 2.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday October 7 unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FIRST DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Leicester X
2 Charlton v Grimsby 1
3 C Palace v Sunderland 2
4 Hudd'field v P Vale 1
5 Oldham v Portsmouth 1
6 Sheff Utd v Derby 1
7 Stoke v Norwich 1
8 Tranmere v Luton 1
9 West Brom v Reading 1

Not on coupons: Birmingham v Southend (Sunday), Ipswich v Wolves, Watford v Millwall

SECOND DIVISION
10 Brentford v Blackpool 2
11 Bristol R v Bourn'm'th 1
12 Burnley v Wycombe 1
13 Carlisle v Notts Co X
14 Chest'field v Crewe 1
15 Hull v Shrewsbury 2
16 Oxford v Stockport X
17 Rotherham v Brighton 1
18 Swansea v Bradford 2
19 Swindon v Bristol C 1
20 York v Wrexham X

Not on coupons: Walsall v Peterborough

THIRD DIVISION
21 Barnet v Exeter 2
22 Bury v Leyton O 2
23 Cambridge v Cardiff 1
24 Chester v Doncaster 1
25 Colchester v Hartlepl 1
26 Gill'gham v Rochdale X
27 Hereford v Torquay 2
28 Lincoln v Darlington 2
29 Plymouth v Fulham 1
30 Preston v Scarboro 1
31 Scunth'pe v North'ton X
32 Wigan v Mansfield 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
33 Altrincham v Bath 1
34 Kettering v Slough 1
35 Mac'sf'd v Br'sgrove X
36 Runcorn v Halifax 2

ICIS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
37 Kingstonian v Hitchin 1
38 Yeovil v Yeading 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
39 Aberdeen v Rangers 2
40 Celtic v Partick 1
41 Hibernian v Falkirk 1
42 Kilmarnock v Hearts X
43 Motherwell v Raith X

SCOTTISH FIRST
44 Clydebank v Morton 2
45 Dumb'tn v Dundee U 2
46 Dundee v St Mirren 1
47 Hamilton v Dunf'mline 2
48 St Johnst'ne v Airdrie 1

SCOTTISH SECOND
49 Berwick v East Fife X
50 Clyde v Stranraer 1
51 Forfar v Stirling 2
52 Q of South v Ayr X
53 Sten'muir v Montrose 1

SCOTTISH THIRD
54 Brechin v Albion 1
55 Cowdenb'th v Arbr'th X
56 E Stirl'g v Caledonian 2
57 Queen's Pk v Alloa X
58 Ross v Livingston 2

DRAWS (home teams). Barnsley, Carlisle, Oxford, York, Scunthorpe, Macclesfield, Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Berwick, Queen of the South, Cowdenbeath, Queen's Park. BEST DRAWS: Carlisle, Oxford, Scunthorpe, Motherwell, Cowdenbeath. AWAYS: Sunderland, Shrewsbury, Bradford, Leyton Orient, Darlington. HOMES: Oldham, Burnley, Rotherham, Chester, Plymouth, Altrincham, Kettering, Kingstonian, Yeovil, Hibernian, Dundee, Brechin.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Oldham, Burnley, Rotherham, Kettering, Dundee. Aways: Sunderland, Shrewsbury, Darlington. Draws: Carlisle, Oxford, Scunthorpe.

□ Vince Wright

Answers from page 43

MITRAILLEUSE
(a) This was a French-designed multi-barrelled machine gun used by them in the Franco-Prussian War. It was a rotten gun, and the German gun was far more efficient at butchery.

CATAPHRACT
(a) A cataphract was originally a complete suit of heavy scale armour in the late Roman Empire. Later, the Eques Cataphractarius described heavily armed cavalry, whose horses were similarly armoured in scales. See Ammianus or Vegetius. If there is any history behind the legend of the Matter of Britain, King Arthur's armoured knights on heavy horses may be a folk memory of the shipwrecked survivors after the Fall of the Roman Empire fighting against the Anglo-Saxon invaders.

GUIDON
(b) A small triangular flag normally carried as identification and tribal pride by either a cavalry squadron or a mounted battery. From the French. "There is no need to flaunt your guidon in that ostentatious way, Morag. We are all uneasily aware that you have made your grand entrance."

PLASTRON
(a), (b), and (c). This is a versatile word from the Greek. Not only can plastron mean all three suggested meanings, but also the front part of a bodice. "Since you have forgotten to bring your studs to the office as usual, Philip, your only recourse as usual is to use the stapler and Sellotape to fix your plastron."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxh7+! Kxh7 2 Nf6+ leaves White a piece ahead.

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner has Breeders' Cup on agenda

New York beckons Lammtarra

By Our Racing Staff

HAVING established himself as Europe's top middle-distance performer in the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe* at Longchamp on Sunday, Lammtarra will tackle the best America has to offer in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park, New York, on October 28.

The Nijinsky colt returned to Newmarket unmoved by his success and ready for a fresh challenge on what is likely to be his final racecourse appearance. "He has established himself as a true champion," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday. "He has done everything asked of him by winning all of his races. You can't do more than that."

Crisford reported that Godolphin's other Arc runner, Balanchine, had also returned in good health although he was at a loss to explain the filly's poor showing, which saw her trail in tenth of the 16-strong field. "We are unaware of any problem with her, she just seemed to run very lethargically. We will, hopefully, know more later in the week."

As the immediate euphoria subsided, Lammtarra's Arc-winning performance was being put into statistical perspective. Chris Williams, the senior handicapper at *Timeform*, said: "We have raised Lammtarra's rating from 128p [p denotes a horse likely to improve] to 134p, making him the top three-year-old. Obviously, this rating could be revised again after the Breeders' Cup and will be adjusted again when *Racehorses of 1995* is published."

The top *Timeform* rating achieved by an Arc winner was Sea-Bird in 1964, who was awarded a figure of 145. Mill Reef, the only horse before Lammtarra to complete the Derby-King George-Arc treble, was rated 141 and the top performance since was the 140 set by Dancing Brave in 1986.

One man well placed to draw comparisons between Lammtarra and his predecessors is Mill Reef's trainer, Ian Balding. He said: "That was an excellent performance in Paris. Lammtarra is such a tough horse and, although you wouldn't say he has the brilliant turn of speed of Mill Reef, Nijinsky or Dancing Brave, he just does it another way."

Lammtarra's jockey, Lanfranco Dettori, began yesterday still basking in the colt's victory. The champion jockey was presented with a bottle of champagne by the Pontefract executive after partnering his 196th winner of the season on Warbrook in the opening European Breeders' Fund Claxton Bay Maiden Stakes.

However, the early triumph turned sour when Dettori was referred to the Jockey Club stewards at Portman Square after being found guilty of *irresponsible riding* on *La Alla Wa Asa*, who finished sixth in the Caroni Maiden Stakes. *It was his third such offence of the season.*

Meanwhile, Sheikh Mohammed, far from resting on his laurels after Lammtarra's success, yesterday confirmed his choice of older horses to be transferred from Europe to Dubai. The list includes Annus Mirabilis (trained by Michael Stoute), Charnwood Forest (Henry Cecil), Larrocha (Luca Cumani), Diffident (André Fabre), Overbury (David Loder), Linney Head and Torrential (both John Gosden). A final decision on any two-year-olds to transfer to Dubai will *be made at the end of this month.*

Richard Hughes, another rider to enjoy a successful weekend, in his case winning the William Hill Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Cap Juluca, has a less attractive assignment today. He faces the Jockey Club stewards in London after being referred for misuse of the whip when riding Half An Inch into second in the A R Dennis September Nursery at Brighton last week.



CHARLES PLATIAU

Sheikh Mohammed and Dettori aim to repeat Sunday's celebrations in the Breeders' Cup

Nap: DICTATION
(5.10 Redcar)
Next best: Cuban Reef
(4.40 Redcar)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE CESAREWITCH
Newmarket, October 14

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Top Cees	4-1	9-2	9-2	11-4
Saleel	6-1	8-1	9-1	9-1
Salaman	8-1	12-1	10-1	10-1
New Reputation	12-1	12-1	14-1	12-1
Nanton Point	33-1	25-1	16-1	25-1
Blaze Away	33-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Foundry Lane	20-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Fortune And Fame	14-1	16-1	20-1	14-1
Shonara's Way	25-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Shadirwan	25-1	16-1	20-1	25-1
Star Rage	20-1	20-1	25-1	33-1
Star Player	50-1	50-1	40-1	50-1

THE Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday week has thrown up more than its fair share of surprises in recent years, with five of the last 11 winners starting at 20-1 or more. With doubts over the participation of the top weight, Mack The Knife, there is a good chance that the weights will rise by at least a stone. This would open up betting on the race considerably, with several of those at the bottom of the handicap holding live chances.

Top Cees, the clear favourite, has been prepared with this race in mind as his end of season target. The impressive winner of the Chester Cup in May, he will run off a fair-looking 8lb higher mark in the Cesarewitch, but will not set many pulses racing at a best-priced 9-2.

New Reputation escapes a penalty for his success at Haydock ten days ago, and must be respected with Barry Hills's string in such good form. He may well have improved since finishing third in the race last season, and those wishing to back him will do well to beat the 14-1 on offer with Ladbrokes.

However, should the weights rise as expected, last year's fifth, Star Player, will appear a much more attractive proposition. He finished two short heads behind New Reputation last year, yet is able to reoppose on 21lb better terms. He looked as good as ever over hurdles last winter, and although he has shown little on the Flat so far this year, he travelled well for a long way at Ascot recently when returning from a three-month break. STAR PLAYER has a much better chance than his dismissive quote of 50-1 would suggest, and he is well worth an each-way interest.

Pontefract

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Warbrook (L Dettori, 10-11 fav); 2, Benatom (7-2); 3, Arctic Fancy (9-2). 14 ran. 1½l, 3½l. I Balding. Tote: £2.09; £1.18, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.20. Trio: £2.50. CSF: £5.09.

2.45 (6f) 1, Golden Pond (A McGlone, 8-1); 2, Westmen's Weigh (20-1); 3, Deedy (10-1). 4, Vera's First (10-1). Impeccable 5-1 fav. 18 ran. Hd, ¾l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £9.20; £2.30, £4.90, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £270.60. Trio: £155.60. CSF: £157.24. Tricast: £1,515.31.

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, Secret Service (G Faulkner, 20-1); 2, Tumpole (9-1 fav); 3, Express Gift (20-1); 4, Instantaneous (16-1). 18 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. J Hanson. Tote: £33.90; £4.70, £1.60, £6.80, £2.80. DF: £94.70. Trio: £510.20 (part won; pool of £646.76 carried forward to 4.40 at Redcar today). CSF: £82.59. Tricast: £1,200.61.

3.45 (2m 1f 22yd) 1, Adan Spirit (L Charnock, 25-1); 2, Unchanged (9-4 fav); 3, Greek Night Out (14-1); 4, Paradise Navy (13-2). 20 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Eyre. Tote: £35.30; £5.70, £1.70, £2.90, £1.80. DF: £149.30. Trio: £1,008.90 (part won; pool of £326.21 carried forward to 4.40 at Redcar today). CSF: £83.60. Tricast: £818.02.

4.15 (6f) 1, Fantasy Racing (R Hughes, 5-2 fav); 2, Delight Of Dawn (11-2); 3, Hi Rock (25-1). 18 ran. 3l, 2l. M Channon. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.10, £4.00. DF: £8.20. Trio: £158.10. CSF: £17.97.

4.45 (1m 4yd) 1, Shinerolla (J Reid, 4-1); 2, Far Ahead (10-1); 3, Seventeens Lucky (20-1). Nordinex 7-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Mountgate. 1l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £4.40; £2.60, £2.90, £4.20. DF: £42.30. Trio: £226.30. CSF: £42.06. Tricast: £661.96.

5.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Clearly Devious (D Harrison, 3-1 fav); 2, Cashmere Lady (6-1 fav); 3, Duke Valentino (20-1). 18 ran. Hd, 3l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £1.80, £9.60. DF: £17.50. Trio: £562.50 (part won; pool of £237.69 carried forward to 4.40 at Redcar today). CSF: £23.86. After a stewards' inquiry, Lancerette, who finished first, was disqualified and placed last.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £29,792.47 carried forward to Warwick today).

Placepot: £49.30. Quadpot: £69.70.

Fontwell Park

Going: good

2.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Persian View (N Williamson, 2-1); 2, Fairy Park (8-11 fav); 3, Clowater Lady (16-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 5l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.67.

3.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Punch's Hotel (D O'Sullivan, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Gone By (6-1); 3, Dwadme (5-1). Ruling Dynasty 9-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. 14l, 1¼l. R Rowe. Tote: £5.50; £2.30, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £27.30. Trio: £48.00. CSF: £28.79. Tricast: £125.79.

3.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Rainbow Castle (P Hide, 4-1); 2, The Whip (2-1 fav); 3, Court Rapier (14-1). 10 ran. 3l, 8l. J Gifford. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.60, £3.00. DF: £8.10. Trio: £105.40. CSF: £11.42. Tricast: £87.11.

4.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Pampillo (Mr A Balding, 4-1); 2, Wild Strawberry (10-11 fav); 3, Dante's View (13-2). 8 ran. Nk, 20l. G Balding. Tote: £5.70; £1.50, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £3.40. Trio: £9.30. CSF: £7.78. Tricast: £20.53.

4.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Charged (Mr S Mulcaire, 13-8 jt-fav); 2, My Senor (10-1); 3, John Roger (16-1). Queen's Award 13-8 jt-fav (f). 5 ran. 15l, ¾l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £8.50. CSF: £14.02.

5.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Jimmy's Cross (A P McCoy, 1-3 fav); 2, Run For Dante (5-1); 3, Fever Pitch (16-1). 4 ran. 10l, 20l. G Balding. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.48.

Placepot: £7.80. Quadpot: £5.00.

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THUNDERER

2.10 Princess Pamgaddy. 2.40 Chalamont. 3.10 HAWKISH (nap). 3.40 Sugar Mill. 4.10 Monaassib. 4.40 Sweet Mate. 5.10 Dictation.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Bobanlyn. 5.10 SOMBREFFE (nap).

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH BEST SIS

2.10 MALTON CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,449: 7f) (29 runners)

1 (28) 0 RISIDSTAR 20 (V Spinks) M Dods 9-0 ... J Carroll –
2 (18) 00 CASTLE GOVERNOR 20 (P Haslam Racing) P Haslam 8-12 ... Carol Davison (7) 78
3 (11) 0002 MISTER JOEL 3 (B) (P Jarvis) M W Easterby 8-10 ... T Ives 87
4 (23) 822004 MEETING POINT 15 (B) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 ... K Darley 91
5 (17) 00 DINO'S MISTRAL 10 (F Lee) F Lee 8-8 ... J Weaver –
6 (1) 042020 EURO EXPRESS 17 (B) (C Stevens) M H Easterby 8-8 ... L Dettori 91
7 (29) SNOW DOMINO (G Wilson) J Jefferson 8-8 ... S Whitworth –
8 (19) 0560 DABEROCK 10 (Whitworth Racing) M Dods 8-6 ... L Charnock 72
9 (21) 046500 MELS BABY 20 (J Roberts (Wakefield)) J Eyre 8-6 ... R Lappin 79
10 (12) 50 PRIME CONNECTIONS 17 (B) (C Boland) M Bielby 8-6 ... D R McCabe (3) –
11 (6) 00 WHAT JIM WANTS 19 (J Clayton) J O'Neill 8-6 ... S D Williams –
12 (25) 40 AUTOPYR 15 (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 8-5 ... N Connorton 68
13 (7) 260050 LUCKY BEA 14 (B) (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 8-4 ... A Culhane 87
14 (22) 054530 APARTMENTS ABROAD 7 (P Barclay) K McAuliffe 8-3 ... J Tate 89
15 (9) 060214 HARSH TIMES 17 (B,G) (D Faulkner) M H Easterby 8-3 ... S Maloney 85
16 (4) 823313 VESHCA LADY 40 (D,F) (J O'Malley) E Weymes 8-3 ... P McCabe (3) 92
17 (8) 034950 KRATZ 11 (V) (D Smith) B Rothwell 8-2 ... M Fenton 88
18 (14) 525504 NAPOLEON'S RETURN 7 (Bonaparte Partnership) A Foster 8-2 ... A Whelan (5) 88
19 (3) 4080 DANCING DOT 8 (C McLaren) Miss L Perratt 8-1 ... J Stack (3) 92
20 (27) 0500 SASSETTA 11 (Mrs C Cawley) N Tinkler 8-1 ... Kim Tinkler 84
21 (5) 0 SIZZLING SERENADE 20 (N Bramma) S Norton 8-1 ... N Kennedy 75
22 (24) 2404 WRAYS 5 (R Robinson (Wigan)) M Johnston 8-1 ... S Davies 93
23 (26) 0 HANNAHS BAY 32 (M Johnson) M Meagher 7-13 ... A Mackay 71
24 (13) 0400 MARGI BOO 17 (Mrs M Winter) G Moore 7-13 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 77
25 (2) 0850 MELOS 3 (J Bradwell) Ronald Thompson 7-13 ... D McKeown 86
26 (28) 533405 SWING MANIA 15 (P Savill) S Norton 7-13 ... N Varley (3) 92
27 (15) 350516 PRINCESS PAMGADDY 8 (D,G) (Theobalds Stud) J Berry 7-11 ... P Fessey (5) [illegible]
28 (19) 050 FAIR TO MIDDLING 13 (Pennine Partners) G L Moore 7-9 ... P-P Murphy (5) 94
29 (16) 0020 MERLIN'S HONOUR 15 (J Smart) P Haslam 7-9 ... M Baird (5) 85

BETTING: 7-1 Mister Joel, 8-1 Meeting Point, Veshca Lady, 10-1 Harsh Times, Princess Pamgaddy, Wrays, 12-1 Swing Mania, Euro Express, 14-1 Napoleon's Return, 16-1 others.

1994: BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL 8-8 J Carroll (14-1) J Berry 28 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISTER JOEL 1½l 2nd of 24 to Bee Health Boy in selling nursery at Haydock (6f, soft). EURO EXPRESS neck 2nd of 11 to Ginger Glint in seller at Thirsk (7f, firm) on penultimate start, with MISTER JOEL (2lb worse off) about 9½l 7th. APARTMENTS ABROAD 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Katy-Q in maiden at Edinburgh (5f, good) on penultimate start, with MEETING POINT (6lb worse off) short-head 4th. HARSH TIMES beat Image Maker 2½l in 15-runner selling nursery at Southwell (AW, 6f) on penultimate start, with SWING MANIA (5lb better off) 16¾l 12th. VESHCA LADY neck and ¾l 3rd of 5 to Silent Soprano in nursery at Edinburgh (7f, firm). PRINCESS PAMGADDY beat Madonna Da Rossi 1¾l in 14-runner claimer at Edinburgh (7f, good) on penultimate start, with DANCING DOT (4lb better off) 1l 3rd, SWING MANIA (2lb better off) about 1l 5th, AUTOPYR 8¼l 7th and MERLIN'S HONOUR (10lb better off) 4l 10th.
Selection: EURO EXPRESS

2.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PICKERING MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,003: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (2) 442 CHALAMONT 14 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... K Darley [illegible]
2 (7) 0 CHAVIN POINT 11 (Advance Stock) Miss L Siddall 8-11 ... D McKeown –
3 (4) 40 ECCENTRIC DANCER 136 (J Coupland) M Bielby 8-11 ... D R McCabe (3) –
4 (3) FROG (B Haggas) M Prescott 8-11 ... M Fenton –
5 (6) HULM (K Al-Sayegh) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills –
6 (5) LAVANDA (C Alnick) D Loder 8-11 ... L Dettori –
7 (1) WELCOME LU (M Hyman) P Felgate 8-11 ... A Mackay –

BETTING: 2-1 Lavanda, 9-4 Chalamont, 11-4 Hulm, 6-1 Frog, 14-1 Welcome Lu, 25-1 Eccentric Dancer, 33-1 Chavin Point.

1994: MOOD SWINGS 8-11 J Weaver (5-2) J Fanshawe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHALAMONT ¾l 2nd of 23 to Thracian in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). ECCENTRIC DANCER 12l 4th of 6 to Hoh Majestic in auction maiden at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FROG (foaled Feb 24, cost 16,000gns). First foal by Alzao; dam unraced, daughter of smart sprinter/miler winner in France, Girl Friend. HULM (Feb 6, 30,000gns): Second foal by Mujtahid; dam, half-sister to high-class middle-distance stayer Almaarad, maiden best at 7f/1m. LAVANDA (Feb 23, 42,000gns). Half-sister by Soviet Star to several winners; dam, half-sister to top-class miler Milesque, unraced. WELCOME LU (Apr 13). Half-brother by Most Welcome to two winners; dam, granddaughter of 1,000 Guineas winner Waterloo.
Selection: CHALAMONT (nap)

3.10 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP (£3,964: 1m 1f) (16 runners)

1 (11) 215210 SPANISH VERDICT 18 (C,F,G,S) (Cox & Allen) Denys Smith 8-10-0 ... C Teague (5) 96
2 (5) 40-8000 MUSEUM 25 (S) (W Salem) D Nicholls 4-10-0 ... Alex Greaves 92
3 (2) 041520 ROMAN REEL 52 (F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-11 ... S Whitworth 92
4 (8) 131300 KING CHESTNUT 11 (C,BF,F) (C Graham) M Dods 4-9-4 ... J Carroll 94
5 (1) 093336 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 9 (F,G,S) (Allerton Club) M Hammond 9-9-4 ... S Copp (7) 95
6 (4) 336122 ESSAYEFFSEE 11 (C,F,G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-1 ... N Connorton 82
7 (10) 0-01000 ROOD MUSIC 11 (F) (M Johnson) M Meagher 4-9-0 ... A Mackay 96
8 (15) 353406 PINE RIDGE LAD 24 (F,G) (Whitestonecliffe Pnrs) J Eyre 5-8-13 ... R Lappin 94
9 (14) 122406 LADY HIGHFIELD 6 (F) (Miss J Nicholls) M Ryan 4-8-12 ... M Baird (5) 94
10 (9) 006604 ALMUHTARAM 7 (B,G) (A Al-Midani) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-12 ... A Whelan (5) 87
11 (3) 040051 BOBANLYN 10 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Walker) D Morris 3-8-12 ... P McCabe (3) [illegible]
12 (16) 10-8404 CURTELACE 11 (F) (P Savill) Lady Herries 5-8-11 ... K Darley 98
13 (6) 631400 INTENDANT 14 (F) (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 3-8-11 ... T Ives 91
14 (12) 4-05 GYMCRAK HERO 14 (Gymcrak Racing Club) G Holmes 3-8-10 ... L Dettori 80
15 (13) 102150 BULSARA 11 (CD,F) (Twinacre Nurseries Ltd) C Fairhurst 3-8-10 ... D McKeown 94
16 (7) 00-4231 HAWKISH 28 (F,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 6-8-9 ... M Fenton 98

BETTING: 6-1 Hawkish, 7-1 Bobanlyn, Curtelace, Essayeffsee, 8-1 Master Ofthe House, Spanish Verdict, 10-1 Roman Reel, 12-1 Intendant, King Chestnut, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SPANISH VERDICT beat Celestial Choir head in handicap at Ripon (1m, good) on penultimate start. ROMAN REEL 1½l 2nd of 7 to Indrapura in apprentices handicap at Brighton (1m, firm) on penultimate start. MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Break The Rules in handicap here (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ESSAYEFFSEE 3l 2nd of 16 to Zanzara in handicap here (1m 2f, good) with CURTELACE (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th. BOBANLYN beat Autobabble 1¾l in 17-runner selling handicap here (1m 2f, good). BULSARA best recent effort beat Habeta short-head in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (firm) with ESSAYEFFSEE (5lb worse off) 5l 5th. HAWKISH beat Dance Motion ¾l in 17-runner apprentices handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, firm) with CURTELACE (4lb better off) 1¾l 4th.
Selection: SPANISH VERDICT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
E Dunlop	3	7	42.9	K Darley	62	295	21.0
P Walwyn	3	7	42.9	L Dettori	9	60	15.0
D Loder	6	15	40.0	S D Williams	5	34	14.7
R Charlton	4	10	40.0	R Hills	11	78	14.1
M Prescott	15	41	36.6	J Weaver	11	92	12.0
Lady Herries	8	23	34.8	D McKeown	17	144	11.8

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 BEVERLEY HANDICAP (£4,075: 1m 6f 19yd) (9 runners)

1 (7) 021044 STAR RAGE 8 (F,G) (J Abell) M Johnston 5-10-0 ... J Weaver 97
2 (9) 0-01126 MOSHAAJIR 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (S Macdonald) C Smith 5-9-6 ... J Stack (3) 93
3 (5) 306/00/ SATIN LOVER 633J (D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-4 ... G Parkin (5) –
4 (8) 0-60433 HIGH PATRIARCH 11 (V) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-2 ... D R McCabe (3) 95
5 (4) 663240 JADWAL 17 (F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-0 ... R Hills 98
6 (3) 30032 SUGAR MILL 10 (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-11 ... K Darley 96
7 (2) 00654 PRETORIA DANCER 10 (B) (A Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-4 ... L Dettori 97
8 (1) 344012 HIGHFIELD FIZZ 3 (C,G) (Mrs P Taylor-Garthwaite) C Fairhurst 3-7-7 ... P Doe (7) [illegible]
9 (6) 0-21140 ROLLING THE BONES 118 (F,S) (M Hyman) P Felgate 6-7-7 ... A Mackay 87

Long handicap: Highfield Fizz 7-5, Rolling The Bones 7-4.

BETTING: 3-1 High Patriarch, 4-1 Pretoria Dancer, 9-2 Star Rage, 6-1 Sugar Mill, 7-1 Moshaajir, 8-1 Highfield Fizz, 10-1 Jadwal, 12-1 Satin Lover, 16-1 Rolling The Bones.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

STAR RAGE about 4¾l 4th of 14 to Greycoat Boy in handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm). MOSHAAJIR 1½l 2nd of 6 to Snow Dream in handicap at Catterick (2m, good) on penultimate start. HIGH PATRIARCH 3¾l 3rd of 16 to Merry Festival in maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). JADWAL best recent effort neck 2nd of 6 to Charlie Bigtime in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). SUGAR MILL short-head 2nd to Salska in maiden handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good) with PRETORIA DANCER (2lb better off) 1¾l 4th. HIGHFIELD FIZZ 2½l 2nd to Dance So Suite in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, soft).
Selection: STAR RAGE

4.10 CASTLETON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,421: 7f) (4 runners)

1 (2) 51-4020 MONAASSIB 47 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-5 ... R Hills 91
2 (1) 010040 IL TRASTEVERE 17 (S) (Connoisseur Syndicate) J Dunlop 3-9-3 ... M Rimmer 80
3 (4) 32001 EMPTY QUARTER 7 (G) (A Bul Habi) J Gosden 3-9-1 ... L Dettori 81
4 (3) 4143-32 SUBZERO 8 (F) (P Savill) M Stoute 3-8-13 ... K Darley [illegible]

BETTING: 5-4 Monaassib, 2-1 Empty Quarter, 5-2 Subzero, 10-1 Il Trastevere.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MONAASSIB short-head 2nd to Indhar in conditions race at Doncaster (7f, firm) on penultimate start. IL TRASTEVERE 5½l 4th to Inzar in conditions race at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start. EMPTY QUARTER beat Balasara 3l in maiden at Brighton (1m, good). SUBZERO 4l 2nd to Art Of War in conditions race at Hamilton (6f, good).
Selection: MONAASSIB

4.40 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,803: 7f) (30 runners)

1 (10) 410-50 BRIDGE OF FIRE 11 (F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 9-7 ... Kim Tinkler 89
2 (4) 210440 GULF SHAADI 10 (D,G) (Bibby Halliday Pnrs) E Alston 9-5 ... S Whitworth 94
3 (28) 305000 BARREL OF HOPE 10 (B,D,G) (P Watson) J Eyre 9-4 ... S D Williams 91
4 (5) 545243 QUILLING 20 (A Watson) M Dods 9-3 ... J Weaver 90
5 (9) 661200 SECOND CELLO 1 (D,F) (Mrs T Hinde) D Morris 9-2 ... L Dettori 85
6 (13) 045010 RISKY ROMEO 17 (F,G) (Miss S Quince) G Bravery 9-1 ... M Fenton 88
7 (22) 234316 STAR OF GOLD 34 (D,F) (Normanby Stud Ltd) C Egerton 9-1 ... R Hills 89
8 (27) 1300 SHAFFISHAYES 11 (D,G) (P D-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 8-12 ... D McKeown 85
9 (2) 126042 MISTER WESTSOUND 8 (B,F) (R McLean) Miss L Perratt 8-11 ... C Teague (5) 87
10 (14) 026 MASTER CHARTER 84 (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 ... K Darley 86
11 (19) 564200 HAND OF STRAW 18 (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 8-6 ... N Connorton 95
12 (20) 04-6600 QUESTION ALI 6 (C,F) (T & M Bibby) J Berry 8-5 ... J Carroll 90
13 (8) 520000 PC'S CRUISER 10 (B,G) (PC Racing Partners) J Eyre 8-1 ... R Lappin 85
14 (25) 213206 EURO SCEPTIC 66 (B,D,F,G) (C Stevens) M H Easterby 8-0 ... S Maloney 84
15 (18) 652306 TOMAL 14 (C,F) (Suttons Removals) R Ingram 7-13 ... J Tate 91
16 (7) 042120 FRECKLES KELLY 19 (C,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 7-11 ... L Charnock 85
17 (29) 600 MAD ABOUT THE GIRL 21 (Crazy Horse III) D Cosgrove 7-11 ... S Davies 86
18 (26) 409 GEMI SERIOUS 175 (T Redman) D Chapman 7-10 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 89
19 (17) 000310 CUBAN REEF 20 (D,BF,G) (W Musson) W Musson 7-9 ... A Mackay 87
20 (30) 052055 SWEET MATE 15 (B,G) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 7-9 ... Claire Balding [illegible]
21 (15) 404422 THE MESTRAL 8 (T Cosby) M Ryan 7-9 ... M Baird (5) 90
22 (23) 500063 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 6 (J Goldie) J Goldie 7-8 ... J McAuley (7) 88
23 (12) 0-05650 SOUND TRICK 20 (M Hwang) G Bravery 7-8 ... P P Murphy (5) 97
24 (24) 054230 BOOST 38 (G Reed) C Thornton 7-7 ... K Sked (7) 90
25 (21) 004224 CHALKY DANCER 15 (BF) (T Clayton) H Collingridge 7-7 ... Jo Hunnam (7) 92
26 (11) 000044 PRINCE PELLINORE 29 (C Stasiak) C Dwyer 7-7 ... N Varley (3) 85
27 (3) 000216 PRIME PROPERTY 8 (B,F) (Alan Black & Co) M W Easterby 7-7 ... P Fessey (5) 82
28 (16) 606 DONNA FUGATA 122 (V Wade) C Booth 7-7 ... N Kennedy –
29 (6) 009 ALL HONOUR 59 (D Chapman) D Chapman 7-7 ... P Doe (7) –
30 (1) 00-5000 CAROL AGAIN 77 (J Lumsden) N Bycroft 7-7 ... B Halligan (7) 82

Long handicap: Prince Pellinore 7-4, Prime Property 7-3, Donna Fugata 7-3, All Honour 7-0, Carol Again 7-0.

BETTING: 8-1 Quilling, 10-1 Mister Westsound, Star Of Gold, 12-1 Cuban Reef, Tomal, The Mestral, Shaffishayes, 14-1 Euro Sceptic, Master Charter, Sweet Mate, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GULF SHAADI best recent effort 5l 4th of 5 to Eurolink The Rebel in claimer at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). QUILLING 2¾l 4th of 9 to Status in maiden handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm) on penultimate start. SECOND CELLO head 2nd of 4 to Cuprene Moll in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. STAR OF GOLD beat Gymcrak Flyer neck in conditions race at Leicester (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SHAFFISHAYES best recent effort 8¾l 3rd of 6 to Beauchamp Jazz in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). MISTER WESTSOUND 2l 2nd of 16 to Leading Princess in apprentices handicap at Hamilton (6f, good). MASTER CHARTER 2½l 2nd to Daily Starlight in maiden at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with TEEJAY'N'AITCH (16lb better off) 9¾l 6th. HAND OF STRAW best recent effort 5l 2nd of 6 to Special-K in claimer at Beverley (7f 100yd, good). CUBAN REEF beat Anna Jane 1½l in maiden handicap at Kempton (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: STAR OF GOLD

5.10 GUISBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,049: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (8) 2-20554 CEMAES BAY 55 (Lord Mostyn) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 91
2 (1) 423 DICTATION 45 (BF) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 ... K Darley 97
3 (4) 00- FRED SAID RIGHT 20 (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... T Ives –
4 (6) 009- IT IS NOW 307 (The Sheikh Mahanda Partnership) S Gollings 9-0 ... M Fenton –
5 (2) 42- MULTAN 483 (P Higson) G L Moore 9-0 ... S Whitworth 88
6 (5) 50-853 BAJAN FRONTIER 19 (Mrs C Collinson) F Lee 8-9 ... J Weaver 76
7 (3) 534442 INTIAASH 21 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 ... R Hills [illegible]
8 (10) 3884- MARGARETROSE ANNA 363 (Mrs P Stanson) E Alston 8-9 ... S D Williams 83
9 (9) 30 MISTRESS THAMES 10 (Mrs D Haynes) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... N Varley (3) 88
10 (7) 5 SOMBREFFE 10 (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-9 ... L Dettori 88

BETTING: 2-1 Dictation, 7-2 Sombreffe, 4-1 Intiaash, 7-1 Bajan Frontier, 8-1 Multan, Cemaes Bay, 12-1 Mistress Thames, 16-1 Margaretrose Anna, 20-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CEMAES BAY about 3¾l 4th of 8 to Mister Westsound in handicap at Hamilton (6f, firm). DICTATION neck 2nd of 9 to My Cadeaux in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MULTAN 5l 2nd of 8 to Pengamon in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). INTIAASH about 4½l 4th of 20 to Double Bounce in handicap at Haydock (6f, good) on penultimate start. MARGARETROSE ANNA about 5¾l 4th of 19 to Actual Fact in maiden at Haydock (5f, soft). MISTRESS THAMES 1¾l and neck 3rd of 20 to Fata in maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SOMBREFFE about 9¾l 5th of 10 to Dreamboat in maiden here (7f, good) with MISTRESS THAMES about 4¾l 7th.
Selection: DICTATION

WARWICK

THUNDERER

1.30 Second Time Lucky. 2.00 Always Happy. 2.30 Northern Celadon. 3.00 Zdenka. 3.30 Much Too High. 4.00 Just Flamenco. 4.30 Miss Pickpocket. 5.00 Ali-Royal.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 ZDENKA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 Ali-Royal.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,915: 6f) (15 runners)

101 (4) 56 BEAS RIVER 7 W Muir 8-9 ... W Carson 96
102 (6) 0 SORBIE TOWER 9 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 ... R Cochrane 87
103 (8) 0 LE TETEU 22 Bob Jones 8-7 ... G Duffield –
104 (7) 600 ANGUS MCCOATUP 12 B McMahon 8-5 ... G Carter 83
105 (10) COMMONS WHEEL D Cosgrove 8-5 ... C Rutter –
106 (13) 426 SECOND TIME LUCKY 21 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 8-5 ... D Harrison 87
107 (11) 40 BELDRAY PARK 39 Mrs A King 8-4 ... A Garth 75
108 (12) 0050 VEESEY 5 John Berry 8-0 ... T Williams 83
109 (3) 0 COMMIN' UP 14 J Hills 7-13 ... M Henry (5) 93
110 (14) 56 LAVENDER DELLA 36 M Fetherston-Godley 7-12 ... F Norton 89
111 (1) 220 MEG'S MEMORY 13 (B) John Berry 7-12 ... G Bardwell 88
112 (2) ROCKET GROUNDS J Dunn 7-12 ... Dale Gibson –
113 (15) 40 SIMPLY MISS CHIEF 21 D Arbuthnot 7-12 ... J Lowe 81
114 (9) QUINNTESSA B Palling 7-11 ... T Sprake –
115 (5) 2524 YUPPY GIRL 20 J Wilson 7-11 ... F Lynch (7) [illegible]

3-1 Second Time Lucky, 7-1 Meg's Memory, 8-1 Yuppy Girl, Sorbie Tower, 10-1 Commons Wheel, Angus McCoatup, Rocket Grounds, 14-1 others.

2.00 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,370: 7f) (18)

201 (8) ALWAYS HAPPY J Fanshawe 8-11 ... D Harrison –
202 (15) 3 BASOOD 39 E Dunlop 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 82
203 (2) BEVERLY HILLS (B) J Hills 8-11 ... M Henry (5) –
204 (10) CARIBBEAN DANCER M Stoute 8-11 ... P Robinson –
205 (3) 00 CARWYN'S CHOICE 13 P Clarke 8-11 ... N Adams –
206 (18) DANCE ACROSS H Candy 8-11 ... W Newnes –
207 (13) 32 FIJON 28 B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 96
208 (7) 04 FLAHUIL 14 R Hannon 8-11 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 86
209 (11) 43 HILAALA 28 P Walwyn 8-11 ... W Carson [illegible]
210 (16) 35 JAMES GIRL 41 K Burke 8-11 ... A McGlone 77
211 (9) KITTY KITTY CANCAN Lady Herries 8-11 ... W Ryan –
212 (1) MEDIEVAL LADY Lady Herries 8-11 ... R Cochrane –
213 (5) NORTHERN SKY R Dickin 8-11 ... J Lowe –
214 (6) SIL SILA B Smart 8-11 ... S Sanders (3) –
215 (12) 3 SWEETNESS HERSELF 22 M Ryan 8-11 ... A Clark 90
216 (17) SWEET TIMES P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn –
217 (4) UPLIFT M Prescott 8-11 ... G Duffield –
218 (14) WEST HUMBLE Lady Herries 8-11 ... G Carter –

3-1 Fijon, 5-1 Flahuil, 6-1 Caribbean Dancer, 12-1 Basood, Always Happy, Hilaala, 14-1 others.

2.30 MOP FAIR LIMITED STAKES
(£3,582: 1m) (20)

301 (13) 0361 CHIEF OF STAFF 6 (CD,F,G,S) J Pearce 6-9-6 ... G Bardwell 87
302 (1) 5202 BOLD ANGEL 18 (BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-9-4 ... M Birch 94
303 (2) 2200 GREATEST 14 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-9-4 ... S Sanders (3) 89
304 (8) -000 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 22 (G) J Mackie 4-9-2 ... J Williams 74
305 (20) 1340 KINTWYN 40 (D,G) C C Elsey 5-9-2 ... M Hills 65
306 (18) 3230 NORTHERN CELADON 45 (CD,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2 ... G Bardwell 85
307 (14) 615- PROUD BRIGADIER 418 (C,D,F,G,S) P Burgoyne 7-9-2 ... T Quinn 78
308 (6) 0050 REAL MADRID 19 (V,D,G) G Enright 4-9-2 ... N Adams 81
309 (9) 0450 ROBSERA 57 (D,F) G Lewis 4-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 84
310 (18) 0200 SANDMOOR DENIM 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) S Bowring 8-9-2 ... G Hind 85
311 (15) 4331 MASTER MILLFIELD 29 (F,G) R Hodges 3-9-0 ... S Drowne (3) 90
312 (7) 451 WILD PALM 14 (D,S) W O'Gorman 3-9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman 97
313 (5) 0200 LIVE PROJECT 19 (S) M Johnston 3-8-12 ... T Williams –
314 (11) 0450 RUDDIGORE 15 K Burke 3-8-12 ... R Cochrane 70
315 (10) 0006 MISTY SILKS 17 (D,G,S) M Ryan 5-8-11 ... A Clark [illegible]
316 (4) 1383 LINGER 2 (C,F,S) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 ... M Henry (5) 94
317 (17) 3310 TONYS GIFT 13 (F) R Hannon 3-8-9 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 96
318 (3) 04-4 DUCKING 10 J Fanshawe 3-8-7 ... D Harrison 89
319 (12) 5200 FEINTE 22 (B) W Jarvis 3-8-7 ... W Ryan 95
320 (16) 2303 INCHA 80 H Thomson Jones 3-8-7 ... G Carter 93

6-1 Wild Palm, 7-1 Bold Angel, 8-1 Greatest, 10-1 Chief Of Staff, Master Millfield, Ducking, 12-1 Incha, 14-1 others.

3.00 SKETCHLEY TEXTILE SERVICES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,403: 1m) (20)

401 (6) 1431 VANISHING POINT 12 (D,F,G) G Lewis 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 90
402 (5) 3114 ROCK SHARP 13 (F,G) R Hannon 9-3 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 86
403 (9) 2202 AILESBURY HILL 14 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 9-3 ... R Havlin (5) 89
404 (17) 0222 MAID FOR BAILEYS 17 M Johnston 9-1 ... T Williams 87
405 (11) 055 ECCOLA 21 I Balding 9-0 ... W Ryan 80
406 (13) 5053 DEADLINE TIME 5 (V) M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 88
407 (10) 0066 RAWI 13 C Benstead 8-9 ... W Carson 82
408 (3) 1245 JIMJAREER 17 (G) J Wilson 8-4 ... G Carter 84
409 (16) 000 GENERAL MACARTHUR 22 J Dunlop 8-4 ... M Roberts 89
410 (8) 0030 BALPARE 21 (G) N Callaghan 8-1 ... D Harrison 91
411 (19) 2216 SILVER WELCOME 13 (F) M H Easterby 8-1 ... S Sanders (3) 98
412 (7) 004 PRIDE OF KASHMIR 10 P Harris 7-13 ... F Norton 83
413 (12) 2020 STATE APPROVAL 18 A Jarvis 7-13 ... D Wright (3) 88
414 (2) 0550 STICKS MCKENZIE 12 B Hills 7-13 ... M Henry (5) 91
415 (4) 5000 BE MY BIRD 14 (B) B Meehan 7-13 ... G Bardwell 92
416 (14) 2252 ZDENKA 6 M Blanshard 7-12 ... Martin Dwyer (7) [illegible]
417 (15) 0001 STATELY 17 (G) M Prescott 7-11 ... J Lowe 95
418 (1) 2146 ARCH ANGEL 26 (G) D French Davis 7-9 ... N Adams 90
419 (20) 0450 MAKASKAMINA 41 P Mitchell 7-9 ... C Adamson (7) 89
420 (18) 000 MAITEAMIA 12 S Bowring 7-8 ... N Carlisle –

9-2 Vanishing Point, 6-1 Ailesbury Hill, 8-1 Maid For Baileys, 10-1 Rock Sharp, Jimjareer, Zdenka, 12-1 others.

3.30 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£3,206: 2m 20yd) (20)

501 (7) 0000 WELL ARRANGED 66 (S) R Akehurst 4-10-0 ... S Sanders 86
502 (12) 300- FADI 193J F Jordan 4-9-3 ... R Painter 84
503 (13) 0551 BALLYMAC GIRL 3 (G,S) J Bradley 7-8-12 (5ex) ... S Drowne 95
504 (15) 3/0 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 13 (F,G,S) J McConnochie 8-8-8 ... R Havlin –
505 (10) -000 SAILS LEGEND 8 Mrs M Long 4-8-4 ... T Field (7) 88
506 (18) 3606 HEAD TURNER 74 (D,G,S) C Wildman 7-8-2 ... A Eddery 90
507 (11) 3122 FLASHMAN 74 (D,BF,F,G) B Llewellyn 5-8-2 ... J Wilkinson 95
508 (4) 60/ DECIDED 192J (D,F,S) R Lee 12-8-1 ... Kimberley Hart –
509 (9) 4100 BELLARA 8 (F) N Babbage 3-8-1 ... R French (7) 90
510 (17) 2-00 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 127 Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1 ... Iona Wands 85
511 (14) 0605 COLERIDGE 26 (B,D,F,G) J Sheehan 7-8-0 ... C Webb 93
512 (11) 1240 SOOJAMA 101 (D,F,G) R Flower 5-8-0 ... D Griffiths 87
513 (19) 2345 MUCH TOO HIGH 19 T Naughton 3-7-12 ... G Mitchell 93
514 (3) 6505 ROMALITO 8 (F) M Blanshard 5-7-12 ... R Waterfield [illegible]
515 (20) 200- PATROCLUS 234J (F,G,S) J Mackie 10-7-11 ... D Denby 87
516 (8) 0/00 ASSEMBLY DANCER 6 D Williams 8-7-10 ... R Studholme (4) –
517 (2) 2003 AL CORNICHE 130 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-8 ... F Lynch (4) 86
518 (6) 3036 DECEIT THE SECOND 17 (B,C,F) G Lewis 3-7-7 ... R Mullen (4) 91
519 (5) 0-50 CHARMED LIFE 22 (B,C,G,S) Mrs A King 6-7-7 ... M Semple (4) 81
520 (16) 5000 NOBLE BALLERINA 19 A Jarvis 3-7-7 ... – –

4-1 Ballymac Girl, 5-1 Flashman, 8-1 Well Arranged, 10-1 Coleridge, Al Corniche, Romalito, 12-1 Much Too High, 16-1 others.

4.00 GERALD EVE CHARTERED SURVEYORS CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,353: 1m 2f 169yd) (20)

601 (3) 2600 CAERLE LAD 19 G Harwood 4-10-0 ... A Clark 94
602 (19) 0532 RIVAL BID 14 (BF,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-12 ... Pat Eddery 95
603 (5) 1010 PINE ESSENCE 15 (F) J Eyre 4-9-7 ... T Williams 93
604 (12) 6100 JUST FLAMENCO 20 (F,S) M Ryan 4-9-7 ... M Hills 93
605 (7) 0356 NO SPEECHES 45 C Cyzer 4-9-6 ... D Biggs 94
606 (4) 0500 GOLDEN TORQUE 17 (F,G,S) R Bastiman 8-9-5 ... H Bastiman (5) 86
607 (13) 3505 JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 118 (G,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-5 ... T Quinn 91
608 (1) 0020 BUCKLEY BOYS 20 A Bailey 4-9-3 ... D Wright (3) 89
609 (15) 1230 DIAMOND CROWN 8 (F) M Wane 4-9-2 ... M Tebbutt 93
610 (20) 3230 PRESTON GUILD 104 (G,S) A Streeter 5-9-1 ... L Newton (5) 91
611 (2) 5000 WOODLANDS ENERGY 19 P Pritchard 4-9-0 ... N Adams 94
612 (18) 004- LORD GLENVARA 171J (B,G) T McGovern 7-8-13 ... Paul Eddery 90
613 (17) 0005 TOTAL RACH 19 R Ingram 3-8-13 ... S Drowne (3) 92
614 (11) 223- JOHNS JOY 463 (F,G) J Bridger 10-8-13 ... J Williams 91
615 (16) -005 SILKS AND STUDS 108 (B) J White 3-8-12 ... F Norton 95
616 (14) 0551 JALMAID 17 (G) B McMahon 3-8-12 ... W Carson 94
617 (9) 5624 BORN TO PLEASE 21 P Harris 3-8-12 ... G Hind 91
618 (8) 4610 SPITFIRE BRIDGE 6 (F) M McCormack 3-8-12 ... R Cochrane 95
619 (6) 0403 MHEMEANLES 10 (F,G,S) C J Wilson 5-8-11 ... G Carter [illegible]
620 (10) 000- IRREPRESSIBLE 250J K Bishop 4-8-11 ... R Perham 98

13-2 Mhemeanles, 7-1 Rival Bid, 8-1 Jalmaid, 10-1 Jemima Puddleduck, 12-1 Buckley Boys, Born To Please. 14-1 others.

4.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,915: 6f) (15)

1 (5) 66 LAY THE BLAME 22 W Jarvis 8-10 ... T Quinn 86
2 (8) 2335 ICE PICK 34 R Hannon 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 91
3 (12) 6 BRANDONVILLE 17 I Balding 8-7 ... W Ryan 83
4 (9) MINOLETTI E Dunlop 8-6 ... Paul Eddery –
5 (13) 54 NKAPEN ROCKS 73 J Wilson 8-4 ... G Carter 70
6 (4) 0 FURTHER FUTURE 7 John Berry 8-2 ... R Mullen (7) –
7 (6) 44 MARISTAX 22 P Makin 8-2 ... M Roberts 82
8 (1) 6860 MEMBERS WELCOME 76 P Murphy 8-2 ... R Waterfield (7) 80
9 (2) 0 PROSARCH 21 R Johnson Houghton 8-2 ... – –
10 (10) 50 IMPETUOUS LADY 5 W Musson 8-1 ... D Harrison 79
11 (14) 0 THE JOLLY BARMAID 14 P Calver 8-0 ... Dale Gibson –
12 (11) 35 MISS PICKPOCKET 10 P Kelleway 7-13 ... G Bardwell [illegible]
13 (3) LADY BANKES W G M Turner 7-12 ... C Adamson (7) –
14 (15) 2 NATATARI 127 M Pipe 7-12 ... D Biggs 80
15 (7) 5225 SCENICRIS 13 R Hollinshead 7-11 ... N Carlisle 96

11-4 Ice Pick, 7-2 Miss Pickpocket, 5-1 Natatari, 7-1 Brandonville, 8-1 Maristax, 12-1 Minoletti, Scenicris, 14-1 others.

5.00 EBF BRINKLOW MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,305: 7f) (18)

1 (10) 4 ALI-ROYAL 20 (BF) H Cecil 8-11 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
2 (7) 63 AL'S ALIBI 7 W Muir 8-11 ... C Rutter 83
3 (12) 0 BALLPOINT 17 R Hannon 8-11 ... Dane O'Neill (5) –
4 (2) BLUE SUEDE HOOFS B Meehan 8-11 ... D Harrison –
5 (13) CIRCUS STAR M Prescott 8-11 ... G Duffield –
6 (1) COME ON IN R Dickin 8-11 ... J Lowe –
7 (4) 5 DANISH CIRCUS 31 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... A Clark 93
8 (3) 3434 FOREST ROBIN 12 R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... M Hills 97
9 (11) FOURDANED P Harris 8-11 ... G Hind –
10 (8) 0 HAL HOO YAROOM 52 W Hern 8-11 ... W Carson 87
11 (5) 60 HANK-A-CHIEF 6 M McCormack 8-11 ... R Cochrane 70
12 (6) INFAMOUS P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn –
13 (14) 5 MONTECRISTO 36 R Guest 8-11 ... M Roberts 89
14 (9) 6 NARDUS 28 M Stoute 8-11 ... K Bradshaw 89
15 (15) PENCILLED IN P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... Paul Eddery –
16 (17) 00 SKRAM 22 R Dickin 8-11 ... P Robinson 83
17 (18) 0 STORM WIND 10 K Burke 8-11 ... G Carter –
18 (16) VENI VIDI VICI M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... S Sanders (3) –

7-4 Ali-Royal, 7-2 Pencilled In, 8-1 Forest Robin, 10-1 Al's Alibi, Infamous, 12-1 Circus Star, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 31 runners, 38.7%; J Dunlop, 13 from 52, 25.0%; Lady Herries, 3 from 12, 25.0%, W Hern, 3 from 12, 25.0%, P Walwyn, 3 from 12, 25.0%, P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 46, 23.9%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 14 winners from 55 rides, 25.5%, M Roberts, 8 from 35, 22.9%; W Carson, 17 from 75, 22.7%, Paul Eddery 19 from 96, 19.8%; R Cochrane, 11 from 59, 18.6%, W Ryan, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.20 Can't Say. 2.50 Run With Joy, Sylvan Starlight, Deerlet. 3.50 Parks Pride. 4.20 Philip's Woody. 4.50 Jonjas Chudleigh. Redcar: 2.10 Mister Joel, Prime Connections. 3.10 Almuhtaram. 3.40 Pretoria Dancer, High Patriarch. 4.40 Barrel Of Hope. Warwick: 1.30 Meg's Memory. 2.00 Beverly Hills. 2.30 Feinte, Real Madrid. 3.00 Be My Bird, Deadline Time. 3.30 Charmed Life. 4.00 Lord Glenvara, Silks And Studs.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.20 Alltime Dancer. 2.50 Run With Joy. 3.20 Kindle's Delight. 3.50 Sozzled. 4.20 Philip's Woody. 4.50 Exclusive Edition.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 DOMINION OILS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,122: 2m 1f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 12 ALLTIME DANCER 31 (D,BF,F) O Sherwood 11-3 ... J Osborne
2 BASIL STREET 148F C Mann 10-10 ... R Dunwoody
3 00 CAN'T SAY 12 (V) J Bradley 10-10 ... R Farrant
4 R JUST BY CHANCE 12 A Barrow 10-10 ... S Burrough
5 MAGICAL BID 11F J Bradley 10-10 ... N Williamson
6 SHARED 7F M Madgwick 10-10 ... J R Kavanagh
7 SHY PADDY 71F K Cunningham-Brown 10-10 ... R Guest
8 U TRAGIC HERO 12 M Pipe 10-10 ... D Bridgwater
9 3 BROCKTON LIGHT 50 R Buckler 10-5 ... B Powell
10 CLIFTON MATCH B Millman 10-5 ... D Salter (5)
11 D CUPRONICKEL 17 D Burchell 10-5 ... D J Burchell
12 UP JOSENO 17 I Jones 10-5 ... W Marston
13 6 MY MUM SAID 12 P Leech 10-5 ... J A McCarthy
14 RIVER MAY 8F A Tunnell 10-5 ... G Crone (7)

5-4 Alltime Dancer, 6-1 Basil Street, 8-1 River May, 10-1 Clifton Match, Magical Bid, 12-1 Brockton Light, 14-1 others.

2.50 DOMINION OILS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,989: 2m 3f) (14)

1 3233 WITHOUT A FLAG 33 (F) J White 5-11-7 ... P McLoughlin (3)
2 00 CHANCE ENCOUNTER 12 Mrs S Williams 5-11-0 ... S Lyons (3)
3 P/ HARRY FROM BARRY 531P P Hobbs 7-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
4 0-5F JAMESWICK 10 (F) W G M Turner 5-11-0 ... P Holley
5 04P- LONG FURLONG 28F J Bosley 7-11-0 ... M Bosley
6 03-0 POOH STICK 26 R Frost 5-11-0 ... J Frost
7 003 KILLING TIME 34 (V) Mrs L Richards 4-10-13 ... S McNeill
8 UP5- POWER SHARE 169 R Simpson 4-10-13 ... D Gallagher
9 0520 RUN WITH JOY 12 (B) C Popham 4-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald
10 00/ MORNING BLUSH 521 M Pipe 5-10-9 ... D Bridgwater
11 -PP0 SYLVAN STARLIGHT 12 (V) J Bradley 5-10-9 ... R Farrant
12 0- WHATACARRYON 208 D Burchell 5-10-9 ... D J Burchell
13 36 DEERLET 24 (B) K Bailey 4-10-8 ... N Williamson
14 0063 QUICK MILLION 6F J Mullins 4-10-8 ... S Righton (7)

4-1 Deerlet, 6-1 Run With Joy, Killing Time, 7-1 Without A Flag, 8-1 Long Furlong, Quick Million, 10-1 Jameswick, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; Miss H Knight, 18 from 42, 42.9%; M Pipe, 79 from 246, 32.1%; D Elsworth, 4 from 14, 28.6%; K Bailey, 7 from 26, 26.9%; N Henderson, 5 from 19, 26.3%.

JOCKEYS: J A McCarthy, 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%, J Osborne, 18 from 59, 30.5%, R Dunwoody, 30 from 132, 22.7%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 88, 19.3%; P Holley, 9 from 48, 18.8%; M A Fitzgerald, 18 from 105, 17.1%.

3.20 DOMINION OILS NOVICES CHASE
(£2,840: 2m 3f) (8)

1 5322 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 18 (C,F) J White 5-11-6 ... P McLoughlin (3)
2 64-3 BISHOPS CASTLE 11 (G) R Frost 7-11-0 ... J Frost
3 8U0- CORPORAL CHARLIE 293 R Baker 6-11-0 ... B Powell
4 6/ KEEP POPPING 654 S Knight 7-11-0 ... V Slattery
5 122- KINDLE'S DELIGHT 131 (F,G) Miss H Knight 7-11-0 ... J F Titley
6 04/5 KING UBAD 25 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 6-11-0 ... R Guest
7 0656 TRUST DEED 11 (B,F,G) S Knight 7-11-0 ... G Upton
8 05-F LAKE OF LOUGHREA 10 (F,G) K Bailey 5-10-12 ... N Williamson

7-4 Its Unbelievable, 3-1 Kindle's Delight, 4-1 Bishops Castle, 7-1 Lake Of Loughrea, 8-1 King Ubad, Trust Deed, 12-1 others.

3.50 BRITISH RED CROSS 125TH BIRTHDAY AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,944: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 154 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 12 (B,CD,F) G Edwards 4-11-5 ... L Jefford (7)
2 P-13 SOZZLED 27 (C,BF,F) M Pipe 4-11-5 ... R Johnson (5)
3 SP/P LATE CUT 11 Miss H Knight 10-11-0 ... J Culloty (7)
4 0P4- ROOTSMAN 124 B Llewellyn 5-11-0 ... J L Llewellyn (5)
5 0 CADES BAY 115 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-13 ... M Rimell (5)
6 PERSIAN SAINT 17F D Elsworth 4-10-13 ... P Henley (7)
7 4356 KILLY'S FILLY 48 (V) J Bradley 5-10-9 ... Miss E J Jones
8 006- PARKS PRIDE 22F Mrs L Murphy 4-10-8 ... E Williams (7)
9 PEVERIL PRINCESS 14F G Balding 4-10-8 ... T McCarthy (7)

7-4 Sozzled, 5-1 Persian Saint, Rootsman, 7-1 Cades Bay, 8-1 Little Hooligan, Peveril Princess, 10-1 Parks Pride, 12-1 others.

4.20 DOMINION OILS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,749: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 35-2 KINGS ENGLISH 11 (G,S) P Nicholls 9-12-0 ... A P McCoy
2 25-P MINE'S AN ACE 94 (C,F,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-1 ... R Greene
3 -512 PHILIP'S WOODY 18 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) N Henderson 7-10-11 ... J R Kavanagh
4 1334 MR ENTERTAINER 12 (C,F,G,S) N Gaselee 12-10-8 ... C Llewellyn
5 2303 STARLAP 31 (F,G,S) R Buckler 11-10-0 ... B Powell

5-4 Kings English, 9-4 Philip's Woody, 3-1 Mr Entertainer, 10-1 Mine's An Ace, 16-1 Starlap.

4.50 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,623: 2m 3f) (8)

1 31P/ THE GLOW 566 (G,S) D Elsworth 7-12-0 ... P Holley
2 -325 WELSHMAN 13F (D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 9-11-6 ... D Gallagher
3 0-11 RUNAWAY PETE 13 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-1 ... D Bridgwater
4 F10- EXCLUSIVE EDITION 153 (CD,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 5-10-13 ... J Osborne
5 -134 CHICKABIDDY 12 (CD,F,G) G Edwards 7-10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 6-50 JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 12 (B,G) W G Turner 8-10-0 ... Mr J Culloty (7)
7 216- JASON'S BOY 139 (C,F,S) J Bradley 5-10-0 ... N Williamson
8 UD-P MR FLUTTS 17 (F) J Tuck 9-10-0 ... S McNeill

5-4 Runaway Pete, 7-2 Welshman, 6-1 The Glow, Chickabiddy, 7-1 Exclusive Edition, 8-1 Jason's Boy, 12-1 others.

Feyenoord refuse to be fired by past glories



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

One football manager's misfortune is usually another's ray of hope. When the second-round draw for the Cup Winners' Cup was made last Friday, it paired Wim van Hanegem, of Feyenoord, and Joe Royle, of Everton, together. They were contemporaries as players, their international days ran parallel, and now they were back in charge of the clubs that forged their names.

No longer. Come Monday, Van Hanegem was dismissed, or, as they say in Dutch — in similarly euphemistic language to English — he left his post by mutual consent. Royle is not in a position to dwell long on sentiment, for this is the chance to use turmoil in the Rotterdam club as the turning-point for the recent failings of his own.

He and Van Hanegem are big men in every sense of the word. Physically, Van Hanegem belied his heavy, sturdy build to stroll the midfield, and to use his left foot with a timing that could either caress the ball so sweetly, or project it goalwards with awesome power. Royle, too, was powerful, but the archetypal centre forward.

Their primes were as close as could be without actually coming together on the field. In 1970, Royle won the English championship in Everton blue, and Van Henegem stroked Feyenoord to the European Cup. In 1972, Royle scored for England against Yugoslavia, and at the end of that season, Van Hanegem was an integral part of the Holland team that went all the way to the 1974 World Cup final.

However, Van Hanegem's three-year term in charge of Feyenoord came to an abrupt end. Winning the Dutch title two years ago and twice winning the Dutch Cup could not spare him the terse comment from the club yesterday, that "it is better for the club and better for the trainer that he has gone". This because Feyenoord not only languish, as do everyone else, behind Ajax, but also because, on Sunday, they surrendered 3-0 to PSV Eindhoven, the goal-scoring begun by that irresistible Brazilian teenager, Ronaldo, who was too quick and too powerful for Ronald Koeman.

Another former Merseyside centre forward, John Toshack, now coaching Deportivo La Coruña in Spain, inherited Bebeto, another Brazilian striker, when he joined the club this summer. Bebeto, after a relatively fallow season, is back with a vengence. On Sunday, he scored four times in nine minutes, five goals in all, as La Coruña crushed Albacete. Three days earlier, Bebeto was satisfied with a hat-trick when La Coruña knocked Apoel Nicosia out of the Cup Winners' Cup.

A goalscorer's life is not always without headaches. Jürgen Klinsmann suffered concussion in his first game for Tottenham Hotspur a year ago, and did the same again when he ran into Stefan Klos as Bayern Munich lost 3-1 to Borussia Dortmund, and lost their unbeaten record in the *Bundesliga*. Dortmund, now four points behind Bayern, had to bring on a man who sat idly by when they drew with Rangers in Glasgow last Wednesday. Ruben Sosa, of course, scored.

Not scoring, but back before the supporters and the microphones, Diego Maradona returned for Boca Juniors against the South Korea national team on Saturday. There, in the VIP stand, as usual making his presence felt down on the field before kick-off, was Carlos Menem, the Argentine head of state.

Menem has always been right behind the comebacks of Maradona. He has used the player's popularity in his canvassing for the presidency. And, from head of state to "superstar", they reflect the fanaticism of the country for football. It runs through every strata of Argentine society, it lifts the people as few things have managed to do. How sad, then, that Argentina is now dependent on a faded and twice disgraced player.

Reports from Buenos Aires are that the league is in decline and attendances are paltry. "Teams just keep playing not to lose," Alberto Marcico, a veteran Boca player, laments. "There are matches when you don't see more than two passes in a row." Reiterating that, Jorgé Rinaldi, a player turned commentator, said: "It seems this season's slogan is just to put caution before audacity."

Can we believe it? Argentina, winners of the World Cup in 1978 and 1986, a country to which ball skill is as synonymous as beef, failing in the arts of the game?

Some say that Daniel Passarella, the national coach, is abetting the decline by his refusal to select players who are homosexual or have long hair or earrings. To them, Passarella is behind the times, and Argentina, beaten by the United States and Spain recently, are betraying their heritage. It makes a difference to hear that from the other side of the world.

Ferguson will put out strongest attack in attempt to haul back deficit

York use teenage goalkeeper to combat United

BY PETER BALL

ANDY WARRINGTON, York's reserve goalkeeper, will face the fire-power of the full Manchester United attack when he makes his debut in the Coca-Coca Cup second-round, second-leg tie at Bootham Crescent tonight. In the attempt to recover a 3-0 deficit, Alex Ferguson yesterday abandoned his recent practice of fielding his youth-team graduates in these matches.

"We kept to the policy of last year, but it backfired this time," Ferguson, the United manager, admitted. "We might have been better playing the young centre half and goalkeeper away from home, where there is less pressure on them, rather than bringing them in for their first game at Old Trafford."

In reality, responsibility for a poor performance went beyond McGibbon and Pilkington, his young defenders, but the desire, at the very least, to retrieve some pride means they will not be included this time. Instead, the youthful debutant will be in York's goal. Warrington, 19, will play if — as expected — Dean Kiely, the first-choice goalkeeper, is ruled out after a late check by the York manager, Alan Little. Kiely suffered a broken nose during York's 3-0 win at Hull on Saturday. Little said: "Andy can do the job — he just has to play his normal game."

Ferguson's decision to field his strongest side means that, only 48 hours after his comeback against Liverpool, with all the attendant hype, Eric Cantona will be in action again, this time in more homely surroundings. It may still be a heated occasion, with a sell-out 9,500 crowd, including 3,000 United supporters, and some serious security arrangements at a ground where half a dozen police officers usually suffice.

Frank Burrows yesterday resigned as manager of Swansea City after the club's poor start to the season. Swansea have won only two of their ten league fixtures and the defeat by Burnley on Saturday left them nineteenth in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division.

The appearance of Cantona reflects United's renewed interest in the competition after their untimely exit from the Uefa Cup last week, and a desire to make amends for the failure in the first leg.

"It was an embarrassing defeat," Ferguson reflected yesterday. "We couldn't complain because we were well beaten by a side who raised themselves for the game."

The margin has left United with a sizeable task, as Ferguson recognised, but he is concerned that his team at least restore some self-respect. "Three goals is a lot to make up, and I don't mind losing, but we've got to make sure we perform well," the manager said. "It's a very slim chance that we can pull it back, but we are going for it. We will field our strongest possible team. We'll be revved up for it."

Once Cantona arrived at training yesterday with little stiffness from the match on Sunday, his inclusion was a foregone conclusion. "He wants to play, and he can play in that same role as against Liverpool, and maybe get us a goal," Ferguson said.

Much will depend on York's approach. Little suggested at the weekend that sitting back and defending might be asking for trouble, but the temptation could prove irresistible, knowing United's capacity to cut through sides if they get overstretched.

Even if Cantona can look forward to this game with anticipation, a small cloud hangs over his first Premiership away game, in three weeks' time. It is at Stamford Bridge, where United usually face a hostile reception and awaiting him there will be Alan Wilkie, the referee who sent him off at Crystal Palace in January.

Wilkie yesterday had no reservations about his appointment. "I wasn't surprised — I'm looking forward to it greatly," he said.



JEREMY WISEMAN

Warrington, 19, prepares for a little practice before the match against United

Inconsistent Davis suffers whitewash

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

STEVE DAVIS experienced only the second whitewash of his 17-year professional snooker career when he was beaten 5-0 by Nigel Bond, the world No 12, in the second round of the Thailand Classic here yesterday.

Davis, six times the world champion but who lost 5-0 to Ray Reardon in the first round of the 1988 British Open, showed his usual tactical guile but lacked the ability to pot consistently well. In contrast, Bond, full of confidence after reaching the world championship final this year, did little wrong.

Davis has won many matches when performing at a level below his best but when Bond stole the second frame after trailing 61-0, the game's dominant force of the 1980s looked in trouble.

Even so it was difficult to imagine Davis collapsing so thoroughly. A number of straightforward pots, which he would normally negotiate with ease, eluded him and Bond went efficiently about the business of setting up a quarter-final against Jimmy White or Joe Swail.

Bond compiled breaks of 63, 36, 43 and 50 in the closing three frames to complete his fourth victory in nine attempts against Davis.

"You need to have a very thick skin in the world of snooker nowadays and I have come to accept you get defeats like this every so often," Davis said.

"It was a stroll in the park for him today but, on the other side of the coin, I am glad I have a sense of humour.

"It's very tough being a player right now. Every match is blood, sweat and tears because the general standard has risen so much, but that makes winning more rewarding," he said.

Dave Harold, the world No 13, had earlier become the fourth member of the seeded top 16 to be eliminated in the first round when he was beaten 5-3 by Dave Finbow, of Worcester.

Hill plans to take the offensive

BY OLIVER HOLT

THIS time it is nearly over, but next year it could get even more personal. After Michael Schumacher took a giant step towards retaining the Formula One world drivers' championship with his win at the Nürburgring on Sunday, Damon Hill redrew the battle lines for next season.

Schumacher crowned a stunning comeback in the European Grand Prix by executing a daring overtaking manoeuvre on the Ferrari of Jean Alesi two laps from the end to take the lead. Hill had already spun off by then and the gap between him and the German is now 27 points with only three races to go and 30 points to play for.



Alesi: aggressive

But the race was won and lost as much in the early dogfights as in the superlative solo charges of Alesi and Schumacher at either end of the contest. Hill's chances of victory were ripped away with his front wings when Alesi forced him over kerbing as the Englishman tried to overtake him coming into a chicane. But, by then, he had already encountered Schumacher's uncompromising tactics.

On the seventeenth lap, the German veered across Hill as he tried to overtake the Benetton-Renault, forcing him on the grass and causing the two cars to touch. Hill refused to complain about the incident and the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) confirmed yesterday that no action would be taken against the world champion.

Hill has always eschewed the aggressively defensive tactics employed by Schumacher in Belgium earlier this season and by Alesi in Portugal ten days ago. But after he had conceded the championship to Schumacher in Germany, he admitted that he may consider changing his style if he is to beat him next year.

"Michael and I were quite close to crashing again," Hill said. "He chopped across the front of my car and hit my car and I went on to the grass. It was typical of his aggressive approach but I have no complaints this time. That is the way he drives — and it may be that I will have to drive like that again. You just have to force yourself through."

The premature demise of Hill's challenge has put even his runner-up position in doubt and the focus of attention in the last three races may switch to his battle to fend off his team-mate, David Coulthard, whose form has been impressive in the second half of the season.

Coulthard leaves for McLaren-Mercedes after the last race in Australia but he knows the team is in transition and that he may have to be patient before he is in a position to achieve race wins again. He lapped the McLaren of Mika Hakkinen after just 22 circuits on Sunday. He is determined to make the most of his last races at Williams.

"I was getting a bit sick of all the questions about team orders," Coulthard said. "It seemed that everybody was interested in the situation between Damon and Michael and no one wanted to know about the sort of real racing that Alesi injected on Sunday. Maybe that will change now that Michael only needs another three points.

"Hopefully, we can go out and race until the finish now. I would love to come second behind Michael."



Schumacher: daring

Music-making by telephone

Between the Ears: Knoxville, Summer of 1995. *Radio 3, 10.05pm.*

Radio 3 is celebrating the centenary of Marconi's invention of the radio telegraph with four radiogenic features. I can best describe them as *mélanges* of words, music, sounds actual and sounds engineered. The short season climaxes on October 24 in a composition that will be created initially by listeners using both the Internet and the keys of their telephones. Musicians and the BBC's clever radiophonic team will do the rest. The season opens tonight with Alan Hall's *Knoxville: Summer of 1995*, a remarkable amalgam of human and non-human sounds as heard in the city these days, and Samuel Barber's lyrical setting of James Agee's prose-poem *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*.

File on 4. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Jenny Cuffe's report on how America deals with violent sex offenders is well timed. A debate is taking place in Britain over whether there should be a national register of known sexual predators. In Washington State, a new law has provoked a furious reaction from civil rights campaigners who claim that it punishes sex offenders for life. Those judged to pose a serious threat are committed to an institution. When other categories are released into the community, their photographs are displayed in libraries and community centres. They must give their address to the police who will already have distributed bulletins warning parents. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo featuring the Golden Hour 12.00 Lisa I'Anson; Incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Cling Film 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd.

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Dawn Patrol 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 When the Going Gets Tough 9.00 Let There Be Love 10.00 Explorer 2 10.30 The Jamsons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 11.00 News; Daily News 12.00 Midday with Mair, with Allan Robb, including live reports on the Labour Party conference in Brighton with Eddie Mair 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, including at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, including at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, including 7.20 Sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: live football with Marcus Buckland 10.05 News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.00am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Just a Taste 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News in German 10.15 Counterpoint 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Stories in Verse 1.00 News 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 From Hopita to Harrier 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News in German 4.15 On Screen 4.30 Omnibus 5.00 News 5.15 World Today 5.30 News in German 6.00 Europe 6.30 Business 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 News 7.30 News in German 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight World News 12.10am Encore 12.15 Anything Goes 12.45 Country Style 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 History Today 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 News 2.10 Press Review 2.15 On Screen 2.30 The Musician's Musician 3.00 Newsday 3.30 World of Music 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Discovery

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Alan Mann 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 The Open Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Pete 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Phil Coyle 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Sociology — Past and Present 6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air, including Mozart (Flute Quartet in C); Charles Wood (Thou the central orb); Schubert (12 German Dances, D790); Paganini (Moto perpetuo, Op 11); 8.09 *Purcell Portfolio*; A selection of songs; 8.44 Shostakovich (Ballet Suite No 3) 9.00 Composer of the Week: J.S. Bach in Leipzig. (r) 10.00 Musical Encounters, including Pärt (Fratres for eight cellos); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 1 in C minor); *Artist of the Week*: Virginia Black, harpsichord, plays Scarlatti (Sonata in A, K24) 12.00 Ensemble: Last of three Czech programmes (r) 1.00pm Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Jean Fournet performs Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique) 2.00 Schools: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen! 3.00 The BBC Orchestras; BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier 4.40 German Suites; Timothy Roberts, harpsichord, performs Reincken (Suite in B flat); Böhm (Praeludium in G minor) (r)

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson examines the most widely used musical forms in medieval times 5.45 In Time, including Méhaud (Scaramouche); 6.03 Telemann (Concerto in E flat, Tafelmusik); Tchaikovsky (Rococo Variations) 7.30 Pebble Mill: First in a season of live concerts. Patrick Gallois, flute, Fabrice Pierre, harp, Michel Lethiec, clarinet, Lindsay Quartet. Debussy (Sonata for flute, viola and harp); Stravinsky (Three Pieces for solo clarinet); Mozart (Flute Quartet in D, K285); 8.10 Debussy, Ravel and Past Masters, with Roger Nichols; 8.30 Debussy (Syrinx); Weber (Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro) 9.30 Young Irish: Maps. Writer Mark Richard talks to novelist Glenn Patterson 10.05 Between the Ears: See Choice 10.45 Night Waves: A review of Strindberg's *The Father* 11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Music for viola d'amore 1.00-2.00 Night School: Tales *from Europe 1.30 Le Club*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today; Daily Bulletin of rural current affairs 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl half-hourly News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 weather 8.40 Scottish Journeys 8.58 Weather 9.00 News; Call Peter Stevens: 0171-580 4444 from 9am 10.00 Travels with Mr Lear (FM only): David Bean continues in the footsteps of Edward Lear 10.00 Holy Land Pilgrimage Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the actress Samantha Bond; Serial: Oranges (4) 11.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare looks into the power of the mind 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Word of Mouth: Word Keepers (3/6) 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party conference in Brighton 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Books and Company: Literary Prizes (r) 2.30 Composing Notes with Richard Baker: In the first of a new series, Richard Baker looks at some of the current projects of Music for Youth 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan talks to the novelist Umberto Eco 4.45 Short Story: Kept Women (First Blood), by Helen Kelly 5.00 Pm, with Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 No Commitments, by Simon Brett. A woman discloses various members of her family in an attempt to conceal her true age from her new lover (1/6) (r) 7.00 News; The Archers 7.20 File on 4; See Choice 8.00 Science Now (r) 8.30 The Network: Processing information about information (3/6) 9.00 In Touch 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Mist in the Mirror, by Susan Hill (2/5) (r) 11.00 Meditations (r) 11.30 A View from Abroad: The Lonely Rider. European travel writers explore Britain (r) (2/5) 12.00-12.45 News, including 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

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Top draw too good for the lower classes

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Camelot, we are told, is unhappy with a new play written for the BBC by Nigel Williams, the author who gave us *The Wimbledon Poisoner* and all that bad language. Apparently, the organiser of the National Lottery felt that the winner of Williams's lottery, a south London electrician with the slogan No Job Too Small, was rather too downmarket for its liking.

So goodness knows what it made of last night's **2Point4 Children** (BBC1), which returned with an entire episode dedicated to debunking Mystic Meg and her bonus balls. The good news for Camelot was that Ben (Gary Olsen) did not win. He may drive a big American car, but he is, after all, only a lowly central heating repair man whose slogan is often No Job At All. The bad news was that Bill (Belinda Lang), a six-ball sceptic if ever there was one, might well have.

Camelot may have got lottery tickets taken out of *Pride and Prejudice* on Sunday night (sharp-eyed viewers may have spotted that only whist seemed to be on offer at Aunt Phillips's soirée), but it could do nothing to curb the doubting pen of Andrew Marshall last night.

"It's nothing but a tax on stupidity," complained Bill. "It's a totally inefficient way of giving to charity and the chances of winning are tiny." Heresy indeed. I paused, half expecting that big gold hand to descend and give her a good slap.

But there was worse to come. Helped by her daughter Jenny (Clare Buckfield) and hindered by Ben, Bill calculated the odds of winning — more than 5 billion to one, by her reckoning. "Ah, but you've forgotten the bonus ball," replied her ever-optimistic spouse, who had defied their house rules by buying a ticket on the ground that it was a rollover week.

Presumably as balance for his up-to-the-minute central theme (which included perhaps the first ever gag about statistics on national television — "don't forget the factorials") Marshall littered his script with asides that bordered on the antique: Sooty, Brotherhood of Man... there was even a joke about Cecil Parkinson. Now, most of us haven't heard a Cecil Parkinson joke for at least five years and even then they were old, but this was the BBC's second in two months. The first was David Croft's. Now it was Marshall's turn. Do they know something we don't? Not if the jokes are anything to go by.

Nevertheless, *2Point4 Children* remains a gently superior sit-com, helped by the fact that the younger Porters (increasingly well played by Buckfield, and John Pickard as her brother David) have now reached an age when they can act as effective comic foils to the experienced likes of Lang and Olsen.

Towards the end of the opening episode, Bill was almost won over to Ben's viewpoint. "Just think what we could do with that," she said dreamily, as the size of the jackpot was announced. For a moment, it sounded like the cue for a song. But then I remembered — they only do that for the Christmas special.

Goodness knows what the average number of children per nanny was in **Cutting Edge: Nannies** (Channel 4). I lost count when that family of ten came along. "Hello, children," said Janine from Yorkshire — very gamely. Any sane person would have muttered "Bye children" and turned on their sensibly flat heels and fled.

Quite how a film about recruiting nannies fits into a format called *Cutting Edge* defeats me. It's about as cutting edge as that other great documentary banker, wedding preparations. But that complaint apart, Dornie Watt's film had an undeniable voyeuristic appeal — even for the great unnannied.

As a female cast of thousands (from the successful to the sacked) came and went, the stars of the show were the Hunters — Francesca, Jason and the newly hatched Josh. She was a lawyer, loath to leave her child but anxious to get back to work. He was the very epitome of modern Putney paternity, all pin-stripes and Pampers.

Their search for a nanny should have been so easy. But that would have made a lousy film. Turned down by one because they didn't have a second car and ignored by another, their misery was... well, frankly, a joy to behold. "I never really thought they might reject us," moaned Jason, apparently aghast at discovering that material things were quite so important.

But my favourites were the Yorkshire nannies: Janine, who didn't seen her committed membership of the Girls Brigade (which she described as a "uniformed Christian organisation") as any obstacle to employment, and Catherine, who came down for interviews in London with her mother. "We're Tube fanatics," said her mother cheerily. Two interviews later, however, Catherine and mum were in a taxi, hot-footing it back to King's Cross and the fast train to Leeds. I couldn't blame them.

A little earlier, Gary Sinyor had wisely written three decently sized parts for a trio of comic veterans, Alfred Marks, Peter Jones and Willy Rushton, in the extraordinary **One for the Road** (Channel 4). This, at least, meant we could spend a lot of the time wondering why we don't see more of them on television these days. But sadly, that still left plenty for speculating how this indulgent, Camcordered twaddle got on to our screens and a good minute or two for wondering how Alan Davies, as timeshare salesman Simon Treat, manages to combine the vocal styles of Eddie Izzard and Sir David Frost without being remotely funny. Still, only one more episode to go. I may yet see the light.

CHOICE

Sound Stories: Something for the Weekend?
BBC2, 8.00pm

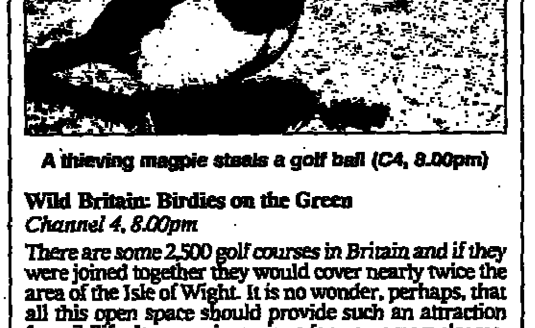
The first thing you learn about barbershop singers is that they need have nothing to do with shampoos and shaves. Among the 70-strong Shannon Express, a group from Potton, near Bedford, are a catering manager, an auctioneer and a policeman. The second thing you discover is that this apparently casual style of singing can become an obsession, especially when the British championship is at stake with a trip to Salt Lake City for the winner. Karen Whiteside's film presents an affectionate look at the disparate personalities who coalesce in Shannon Express, and follows them to Harrogate, where the championship will be decided. It is a chance, as one of the members puts it, for bathroom singers to dream of the big time.

Through African Eyes
BBC2, 11.15pm

Aminatta Forna describes her somewhat cerebral film as "an attempt to journey beyond our preconceptions". Her subject is African art and how we Europeans have viewed it. Inevitably, she argues, we have brought our own cultural experience to the task. But we need to look at Africa's art through the eyes of Africans, and not try to fit it into European patterns. To this end Forna visits Mali and discovers that masks and sculptures which adorn the museums of the West are not even seen as art at all. The impetus behind making them is as much functional as creative. Where that leaves the argument is not clear but this is a programme that earns its place merely by asking difficult questions.

Battered Britain: A Mind to Crime
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The first of two documentaries this week examines scientific research which suggests that biological factors can explain much criminal behaviour. Instead of seeking the roots of crime in social deprivation, we should be looking at damaged brains. There is growing evidence that criminals have different brain patterns from the law-abiding, the result of a difficult birth, an accident, or the effects of drink or drugs. If the thesis is valid, it offers the chance of a cure. The film charts the treatment of three American youngsters, whose criminal tendencies have been halted by drugs, and suggests that two British offenders could have spent less time in prison had their brains been scanned and appropriate treatment made available.



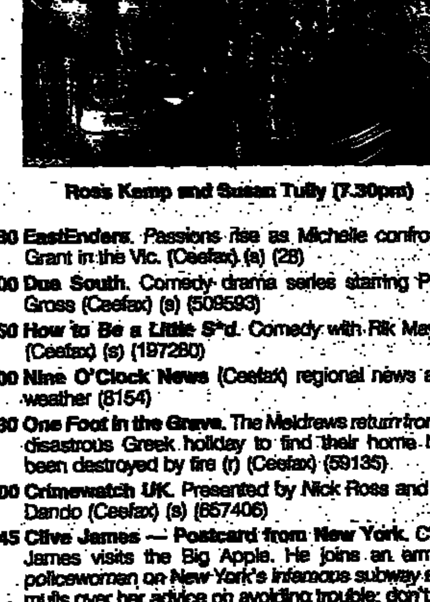
A thieving magpie steals a golf ball (C4, 8.00pm)

Wild Britain: Birdies on the Green
Channel 4, 8.00pm

There are some 2,500 golf courses in Britain and if they were joined together they would cover nearly twice the area of the Isle of Wight. It is no wonder, perhaps, that all this open space should provide such an attraction for wildlife. It comes in various forms, some welcome, others less so. Magpies are shown removing balls and tees, while an oyster catcher, silly thing, mistakes a golf ball for an egg and tries to hatch it. More seriously, moles and rabbits vandalise greens. Against this, golf courses provide a sanctuary for flora and fauna that would otherwise be under threat from urban sprawl. Among visitors to the rough are rare plants, such as orchids and evening primrose, and the little-seen smooth snake. Peter Waymark

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (46357)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86339715)
9.05 Dallas — The Final Years (r) (Ceefax) (2983672) ***9.50 Brilliant Gardens*** (r) (6771425)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5534932)
10.05 Conference Live 95. The Labour Party. Nick Ross reports from Brighton (s) (94694067) **12.50pm Regional News** and weather (55461339)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (72767)
1.30 Neighbours. Susan is shocked by Libby's solution to school teasing. Stonefish's father comes to town and Marlene is overjoyed by the prodigal's return (Ceefax) (s) (47267406) **1.55 Alias Smith and Jones** (r) (7334883) **2.40 The Farrelli Boys** (7375932) **3.05 The Great British Quiz** (s) (8955338)
3.30 Blinky Bill (60) **4.00 Oscar's Orchestra** (s) (8809715) **4.25 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (9057135) **4.35 Fan TC** (Ceefax) (s) (2917970)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9176390) **5.10 Byker Grove** (Ceefax) (2468845)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (269845)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (68)
6.30 Regional News magazines (16)
7.00 Island Race. Barra to Orkney. Weatherbound in Barra harbour in the Outer Hebrides, John McCarthy and Sandi Toksvig are increasingly frustrated as the deadline for their circumnavigation of Britain slips away. They take a trip to a castle with the country's oldest toilets and plan a long and dangerous journey round Cape Wrath to Orkney to make up time (Ceefax) (s) (6951)

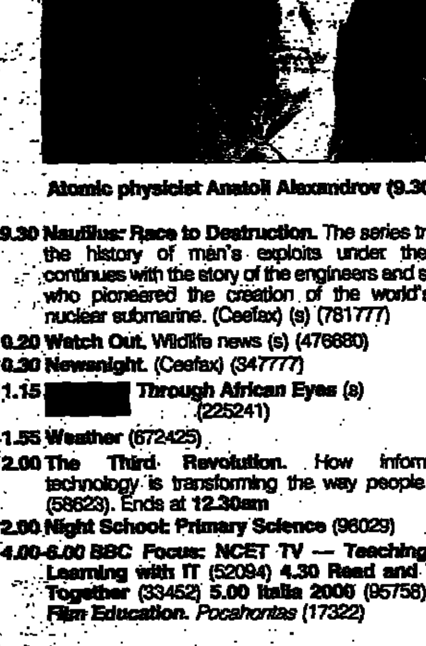


Ross Kemp and Susan Tully (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Passions rise as Michelle confronts Grant in the Vic. (Ceefax) (s) (28)
8.00 Dus South. Comedy drama series starring Paul Gross (Ceefax) (s) (509593)
8.50 How to Be a Little S*d. Comedy with Rik Mayall (Ceefax) (s) (197280)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (8154)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave. The Meldrews return from a disastrous Greek holiday to find their home has been destroyed by fire (r) (Ceefax) (59135)
10.00 Crimewatch UK. Presented by Nick Ross and Jill Dando (Ceefax) (s) (657406)
10.45 Clive James — Postcard from New York. Clive James visits the Big Apple. He joins an armed policewoman on New York's infamous subway and mulls over her advice on avoiding trouble: don't go out at night (r) (Ceefax) (s) (388965)
11.40 Crimewatch UK Update (681048)
11.50 FILM: Last Summer (1969). With Barbara Hershey and Richard Thomas. A provocative teenage girl meets two boys on a beach during the summer vacation. But the relationship changes when they meet the lonely, vulnerable Rhoda and evil manifests itself. Directed by Frank Perry (Ceefax) (249406)
1.20am Weather (9134100)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: *Toulouse in the 16th Century* (9338195) **6.45** Palazzo Venezia, Rome: A Cardinal's Palace (6128154) **7.10** The Sordid Subject of Boeuf Bourguignon (9508154) **7.35** The History of Maths (9610203)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6270609) ***8.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant*** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3343425) **8.40 Lassie** (4193951)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, *10.00-10.25 Playdays* (1379116)
1.45 You and Me (26183338) **2.00 The Family Ness** (r) (97730951) **2.05 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (97739222)
2.10 Conference Live 95. The Labour Party Conference in Brighton. Includes the address by the party leader, Tony Blair (s)
5.30 Floyd on Italy (r) (93)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (s) (376777)
6.25 Heartbreak High. Australian drama series about the staff and students of a city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (178086)
7.10 Dear Dilemma. Real-life crises are dramatised and then discussed. (Ceefax) (s) (758777)
7.30 The Knowledge. A series taking an inside look at education in this country. (Ceefax) (s) (70)
8.00 [redacted] **Sound Stories: Something for the Weekend?** (s) (3241)
8.30 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Rick Stein shares some more recipes that have made him one of the country's top seafood chefs. (Ceefax) (s) (9048)
9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Classic comedy starring Rodney Bewes and James Bolam (r). (Ceefax) (6795)



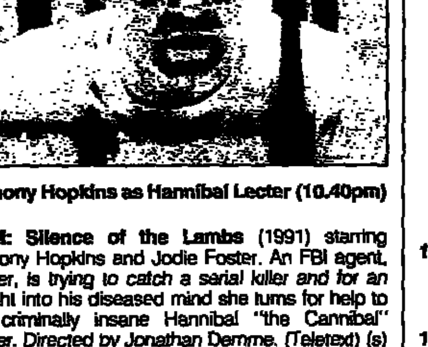
Atomic physicist Anatoli Alexandrov (9.30pm)

9.30 Nautilus: Race to Destruction. The series tracing the history of men's exploits under the sea continues with the story of the engineers and sailors who pioneered the creation of the world's first nuclear submarine. (Ceefax) (s) (781777)
10.20 Watch Out. Wildlife news (s) (476680)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (347777)
11.15 [redacted] **Through African Eyes** (s) (225241)
11.55 Weather (672425)
12.00 The Third Revolution. How information technology is transforming the way people work (58623). Ends at **12.30am**
2.00 Night School: Primary Science (96029)
4.00-6.00 BBC Focus: NCET TV — Teaching and Learning with IT (52094) **4.30 Read and Write Together** (33452) **5.00 Italia 2000** (95758) **5.30 Film Education.** *Pocahontas* (17322)

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6.00am GMTV *(7570883)* ***9.25 Supermarket Sweep*** *(s)* (5851609) **9.55 London Today** (r) (1389593)
10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (9212574)
10.35 This Morning (39621951)
12.20pm London Today *(Teletext) (4836319)*
12.30 ITN News *and weather (Teletext)* (9280574)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9298593) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (22095845) ***1.55 A Country Practice*** *(s) (91359048)* ***2.20 Vanessa: I'd Do Anything to Have a Baby*** (Teletext) (s) (44353135) **2.50 Capital Woman** (s) (8227777)
3.20 ITN News *headlines (Teletext) (8250357)*
3.25 London Today *(Teletext) (9600898)*
3.30 Giggfish Allsorts (s) (4466883) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (1257116) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (1286628) ***4.00 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat*** (6566593) **4.15 Hurricanes** (Teletext) (s) (1216777) **4.40 The Ward** (Teletext) (s) (6186970)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1315241)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News and weather (542715)
5.55 Your Shout *viewers' opinions (898947)*
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (32)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (12)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (8319)
7.30 Irrational Behaviour. A documentary looking at *anxiety disorders and phobias which affect one in* ten of the population (96)
8.00 The Bill: Video Nasty. When a bomb destroys a *local electrical shop the CID embark on a frantic* search for a second device. (Teletext) (7067)
8.30 Is It Legal? Colin Heals the World. New recruit Colin's ethics are put to the test when he unwittingly takes on a prostitute as a new client and she offers to meet her bills with payment in kind. (s) (6574)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Far Away. When the King's Own *Fusiliers and members of the 11 Royal Australian* Army celebrate the Battle of Waterloo, Tucker, Garvey, Evans and Farrell provide Abba-style *entertainment. (Teletext) (s) (3970)*
10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (16932)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (985852)

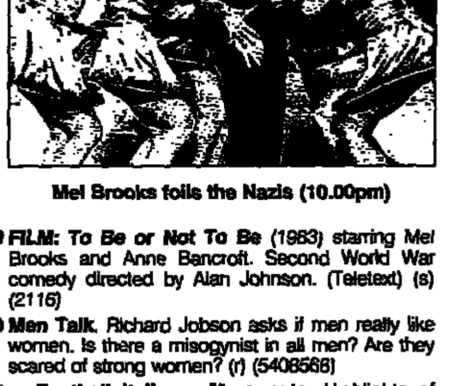


Anthony Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter (10.40pm)

10.40 FILM: Silence of the Lambs (1991) starring Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster. An FBI agent, *Foster, is trying to catch a serial killer and for an* insight into his diseased mind she turns for help to the criminally insane Hannibal "the Cannibal" *Lecter. Directed by Jonathan Demme. (Teletext) (s)* (388785)
12.50am War and Remembrance. Second World War *drama serial (r) (670742)*
2.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r). (s) (7614907)
3.10 The Beat (s) (2352433)
4.05 America's Top Ten (s) (74845075)
4.20 On the Live Side (s) (44712100)
4.30 Videofashion: *All over the Map* (24242549)
5.00 Vanessa: I'd Do Anything to Have a Baby (r) (Teletext) (s) (19384)
5.30 ITN Morning News (73988). Ends **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Alfred J. Kwak *(r) (6122970)*
7.00 The Big Breakfast (22628)
9.00 Sabotage. Women-only quiz (r) (s) (33609)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (6409135) **9.45** Stop, Look, *Listen (6497390)* ***10.00*** *Fourways Farm (5541222)* **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2337357) **10.25** How We Used to Live (2316864) **10.45** Caraideen (1712203) ***11.00*** *The New Living Body (5868116)* ***11.20*** Stage One (3119338) **11.35** Film and Video Showcase (2784932) **11.45** First Edition (3720425) (181135)
12.00 Travelog in France. Normandy (r) (s) (13845)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (20512) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (47250116)
1.55 Profiles of Nature. The wonder of migration (r) *(47268135)*
2.25 Conference Report. *Tony Blair's speech to the* Labour Party's annual conference (7391067)
3.45 Snapshots. John Cole returns to the Northern Ireland seaside town of Portrush (r) *(4443932)*
4.00 Wild West Country. *Jessica Holm continues her* exploration of the West Country. (Teletext) (s) (25)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (39)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are mothers *jealous of their daughters. (Teletext) (s) (5970357)*
5.50 Terrytoons (666480)
6.00 Extreme. Drama series starring James Brolin as the leader of a Utah-based rescue team specialising in saving victims of accidents sustained through high-risk leisure activities. (Teletext) (s) (802406)
6.55 Moanalogue and **What About Me?** A Candy *Guard animated double bill (220319)*
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (327834)
7.55 Fighting Back. Series following the residents of Wolverhampton's Heath Town estate as they *attempt to improve their environment (s) (175680)*
8.00 Wild Britain: Birdies on the Green. (Teletext) (s) (5609)
8.30 Brookside. Superior soap about the residents of a *suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (4116)*
9.00 Battered Britain: A Mind to Crime — The Dangerous Few. (Teletext) (s) (1512)



Mel Brooks foils the Nazis (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: To Be or Not To Be *(1983)* starring Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft. Second World War comedy directed by Alan Johnson. (Teletext) (s) *(2116)*
12.00 Men Talk. Richard Jobson asks if men really like women. Is there a misogynist in all men? Are they scared of strong women? (r) (5408568)
12.35am Football Italia — *Mezzanotte.* *Highlights of* Roma v Lazio (2021029)
1.35 World Tennis. Action from Basle and Palermo *(3547810)*
2.05 The Sahara Project. Episode two of an eight-part drama starring Helmut Berger and Rudiger Vogler as climatic scientists searching the Sahara for an alternative energy source for Europe. Dubbed in English (144384). Ends at **3.10**
4.00-4.50 Schools: Off Limits (8985487) (43346)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 *Emmerdale* (9298593) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22095845) ***2.50-3.20*** *Cat Crazy (8227777)* **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1315241) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (12) **7.30-8.00** Heirloom (96) **12.35am** Film: News at Eleven (926568) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (9365471) **3.10** The Beat (2352433) **4.05** The New Music (5913297)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Special Babies (8227777) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1315241) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (437241) **7.30-8.00** Belvoir Castle (96) ***11.40*** *Street Legal (311512)* **4.20am** Jobfinder (5990348) **5.20** Asian Eye (4586471)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9298593) **1.25** Home and Away (81309609) **1.50** Vanessa (47261222) **2.20** Simply Delicious (44353135) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (8227777) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1315241) **6.25** Granada Tonight (437241) **7.30-8.00** The Rock'n'Goal Years (96) **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder (6410487)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5455425) **1.20** Special Babies (22095574) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Calendar (8227777) **5.10-5.40** *A Country Practice* (1315241) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (12) **7.30-8.00** Fair's Fair (96) **4.20am** Jobfinder (6410487)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The New Mr & Mrs Show (8227777) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (9600898) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (12) **7.30-8.00** Primetime (96) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (985852)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1389593) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (4836319) **12.55** Emmerdale (9298593) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22095845) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8227777) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9600898) **5.10** Home and Away (1315241) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (298703) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (32) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (12) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right Live (96) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (985852) **12.35am** Film: News at Eleven (326568) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (9365471) **3.10** The Beat (2352433) **4.05** The New Music (5913297) **5.00** Freescreen (39384)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1389593) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (4846087) **12.25-12.30** My Story (4844338) **12.55** Emmerdale (9298593) **1.25** Home and Away (22095845) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (91359048) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8227777) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (9600898) ***5.10-5.40*** Home and Away (1315241) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (72086) **7.30-8.00** *Little River Journeys* (96) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (985852) **4.20am** Jobfinder (6410487)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1389593) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (4836319) **12.55** Emmerdale (9298593) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22095845) **2.50-3.20** *Shortland Street* (8227777) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (9600898) **5.10-5.40** *Home and Away* (1315241) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (708116) **6.30-7.00** Action Time (12) **7.30-8.00** Who Do You Do? (96) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (985852) **11.40** Film: Rising Damp (552208) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (1073181) **2.25** Sport AM (8352907) **3.25** The Beat (2875884) **4.20** Jobfinder (8781891)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (22628) **9.00** Sabotage (33609) **9.30** Schools (51593) **9.30** Eureka (9364390) **9.50** Archwylio (8764135) **10.00** Fferm Bryn Gwynt (5541222) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2337357) ***10.25*** *Iaw!* (2316864) **10.45** Caraideen (9731680) **11.10** The New Living Body (2868715) **11.20** Stage One (3119338) **11.35** Film And Video Showcase (2784932) **11.45** First Edition (3720425) **12.00** Travelog In France (13845) **12.30pm** Gumdrop (62609) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (25715) **1.30** Baby its You (47250116) **1.55** Profiles Of Nature (47268135) **2.25** Conference Report (7391067) **3.45** Snapshots: John Cole (4443932) **4.00** Hanging With Mr Cooper (25) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (39) **5.00** 5 Pump: Uned 5 (9425) **5.30** Fifteen To One (61) **6.00** Newyddion (759357) **6.15** Heno (187970) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (495796) **7.25** Brodyr Bach (703116) **8.00** Gorau Arf: Y Dalaid ar Gefn (5609) **8.30** Newyddion (4116) **9.00** Dim Tafod: Gogs (173581) ***9.10*** *Dim Tafod: Ad-walth* (944512) **9.35** Dim Tafod: W Y Misus (432951) **10.00** Brookside (14574) **10.30** Cutting Edge: Nannies (92798) **11.30** Film: Scrubbers (309319) **1.10am** Battered Britain: Fighting Back (3199605) **1.20** Diwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am The DJ Kat Show (52116) **8.30** Jeopardy (79425) **9.00** Court TV (60777) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (62425) **10.30** Blockbusters (59661) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67715) **12.00** Spellbound (73241) **12.30pm** Designing Women (13357) **1.00** The Waltons (17852) **2.00** Geraldo (10319) **3.00** Court TV (3336) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (3888222) **4.20** Kids TV (1381628) **4.30** Inspector Gadget (9319) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1048) **6.00** Power Rangers (3512) **6.30** Spellbound (4864) **7.00** LAPD (2777) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4208) **8.00** Nowhere Man (7890222) **9.00** Star Trek Voyager — The Making of the Legend (142893) **10.00** The Next Generation (21390) **11.00** Law and Order (48660) **12.00** David Letterman (5981094) **12.45am** V (7349181) **1.30** Anything But Love (35365) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (3872487)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3147097) **9.30** Fashion TV (60087) **10.30** ABC Nightline (57203) **11.00** News and Business (65357) **1.30pm** CBS News (17870) **2.30** Century (8375) **3.30** Talking with David Frost (5970) **4.00** World News and Business (85703) **5.00** Live at Five (2390) **6.30** Tonight (2408) **8.00** World News and Business (8087) **8.30** O.J. Simpson (4750777) **12.30am** CBS News (50182) **1.30** Tonight (40616) **2.30** Those Were the Days (99907) **3.30** Talking with David Frost (94452) **4.30** CBS News (91100) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1885357) **10.00 Prelude to a Kiss** (1992) (84845) **12.00 The Helicopter Spies** (1967) (17222) **2.00pm A Child Too Many** (1993) (45970) **4.00 Dear Heart** (1964) (9880) **6.00 Prelude to a Kiss** (1992): As 10am (92406) **8.00 High Lonesome** (1994) (37951) **10.00 Hellbound** (1993) (640512) **11.35 Daybreak** (1993) (932890) **1.10am To Save the Children** (1994) (501574) **2.45 Lush Life** (1993) (615617) **4.30-6.00 The Helicopter Spies** (1967): As noon (58856)

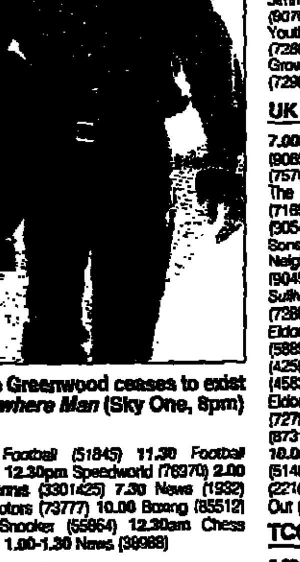
SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 The Harder They Fall (1956) (95609) **2.00pm To Kill a Mockingbird** (1962) (37957609) **4.10 Girl Crazy** (1943) (59027425) **6.00 Jaws** (1975) (30096) **8.00 *The Owl and the Pussycat*** (1970): With Barbra Streisand and George Segal (30723) ***10.00 Gorillas in the Mist*** (1988): With Sigourney Weaver (72953574) **12.15am Paternity** (1981) (817407) **1.55-3.45 Le Cop II** (1992) (202051)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan and His Mate (1934) (67512) **8.00 Perils of Problemina** (1965) (25241) **10.00 Stella** (1950) (15715) **12.00 The Gypsy Warriors** (1978) (15864) **2.00pm Against All Flags** (1952) (43512) **4.00 Perils of Problemina** (1965): As 8am (7222) **6.00 Labor of Love: The Arlette Schweitzer Story** (1993) (85135) **7.30 Special Feature: Apollo 13** (8086) **8.00 A Few Good Men** (1992) (58288135) **10.20 Single White Female** (1992) (393067) **12.10am The Red Shoe Diaries: How I Met My Husband** (1993) (2011094) **1.40 Harmful Intent** (1993) (206568) **3.15-5.15 Race to Freedom: *The Underground Railroad*** (1993) (42968051)
● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91445593) **6.30** Muppet Babies (13029086) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (59939845) **7.30** Ducktales (59941680) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (24213406) **8.30** Wonderland (24212777) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24238357) **9.30** Pooh Corner (91113661) **10.00** Dumbo (13010338) **10.30** Quack Attack (24225241) **11.00** Disney Presents (59967628) **12.00** Boy Meets World (24218593) **12.30pm** Thunder Alley (91124777) **1.00** FILM: Pablo and the *Dancing Chihuahua* (1989) (91112932) **2.00** Wonderland (65981593) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (23121425) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (65900628) **3.30** Winnie The Pooh (23126970) **4.00** Quack Attack (23112777) **4.30** Ducktales (23101661) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (65972845) **5.30** Danger Bay (23125241) **6.00** Tarzan (23122154) **6.30** Dinosaurs (23113406) **7.00** Disney Presents (21177628) **8.00-10.00** *FILM: Cowboys Don't Cry* (21157864)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sport (82048) **7.30** American Sports (83777) **8.30** Aerobics (97406) **9.00** Tartan Extra (11086) **9.30** European PGA Golf (29425) **11.00** Speed (88357) **11.30** Windsurfing (69086) **12.00** Aerobics (91222) **12.30pm** Football: Southampton v West Ham Utd (39222) **2.30** Tartan (5999) **3.00** Powerboat (5512) **3.30** Mountain Bikes (7116) **4.00** Watersports (59609) **5.00** Wrestling Mania (7864) **6.00** Sport (8628) **6.30** Pub Quiz (6280) **7.00** Scottish Football Live (74649406) **10.15** Sport (133845) **10.45** Boots 'n' All (512195) **11.45** Pub Quiz (161628) **12.15am** Scottish Football (346471) **2.15-2.45** Sport (473384)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Eurogolf (51048) **9.30** Darts (91951)



Bruce Greenwood ceases to exist in *Nowhere Man* (Sky One, 8pm)

10.30 *Football* (51845) **11.30** Football (71425) **12.30pm** Speedworld (76370) **2.00** Live Tennis (3301425) **7.30** News (1932) **8.00** Motors (73777) **10.00** Boxing (85512) **11.00** Snooker (55864) **12.30am** Chess (32520) **1.00-1.30** News (39988)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4943593) **8.30** Peyton Place (4942864) **9.00** As the World Turns (6815970) **10.00** Guiding Light (2381380) **11.00-12.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4946680) **12.30pm** Wide World of Kids (5006864) ***1.00*** *Trailside* (2315970) **1.30** Pierre Franey (5005135) **2.00** Getaway (1887680) **2.30** Europe (9002609) **3.00** Whicker's World (4364593) **4.00** Travel Guide (8086881) **4.30** Zoolife (9082845) **5.00** Roads to Freedom (1858932) **5.30** Around the World (9006425) **6.00** Europe (9003338) **6.30** Independent Travellers Guide (7699203) **7.30** Getaway (9063574) **8.00** Around the World (1854116) **8.30** Travel Guide (1866951) **9.00** Sky Destinations (4372512) **9.30** Independent Travellers Guide (4436593) **10.30** Roads to Freedom (4963357) **11.00** Globetrotter (4384357) **11.30-12.00** America (4033390)

TLC
9.00am Craftwise (7597357) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (7163222) **10.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (1227661) **10.30** Will It Hurt? (7586241) **11.00** Only Human (9072999) ***12.00*** *The Right Thing?* (7577593) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (7174338) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (9076715) **1.30** Craftwise (7173609) **2.00** Youth Express (9084864) **2.30** Soul Mates (7286883) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (9003999) **3.30-4.00** Green Fingers (7290628)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jossy (9046574) **7.30** Neighbours (9085609) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7576864) **8.30** EastEnders (7575135) **9.00** The Bill (7589715) **9.30** The Sullivans (7165680) **10.00** Telford's Change (3054593) **11.00** Dallas (9074357) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7579951) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7178796) **1.00** EastEnders (9045845) **1.30** The Bill (7175067) **2.00** The Sullivans (9086222) **2.30** Love Story (7280241) **3.00** Angels (9005357) **3.30** Eldorado (7292086) **4.00** Casualty (58896947) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4259390) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4582628) **6.25** EastEnders (9323715) **7.00** Eldorado (9097338) **7.30** The Liver Birds (7278406) **8.00** Angels **8.25** Butterflies (8731970) **9.00** Danger UXB (1608970) **10.00** The Bill (2279951) **10.35** Sport (51400574) **11.40** Edge of Darkness (2210574) **12.40am** Dr Who (3268984) **1.10** Out (26085452) **2.15** Shopping

TCC
6.00am Casper (74680) **6.30** Garfield (97067) **7.00** New Pink Panther (17318) **7.30** Sonic (29154) **8.00** Sweet Valley High (25203) **8.30** Casper (5939512) **8.45** Dinobabies (5934067) **9.00** Tiny TCC (99796) **11.00** Sesame Street (37654) **12.00** *Tiny TCC* (91883) **2.00pm** Barney (8135) **2.30** Blinky Bill (2067) **3.00** Sonic (4870) **3.30** *New Pink Panther* (7512) **4.00** *California Dreams* (3319) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (2203)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Roe and Slime (78574) **8.00** Nick Jr (233357) **12.00** Lunchbox (224609) **3.00pm** Chill Out (236319) **6.00-7.00** Teck-Nick (47889)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Valley of the Rhino (5418845) **5.00** Out of the Past (9087951) **6.00** Future Quest (9302222) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5844654) **7.30** Agenda 21 (7276048) **8.00** Azimuth (1691048) **9.00** State of Alert (5447357) **9.30** History's Mysteries (7154574) **10.00** Fangs! In Search of the Golden Hammerhead (1614999) **11.00-12.00** Tales from the Interstate (8053864)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Teenage Monster (1958): Sci-fi Western with Stuart Wade (63473260) ***1.15pm*** *The Invisible Man* (2957796) **2.00** Danger Man (1222116) **3.00** Robin Hood (9090425) **3.30** *The Protectors* (7287154) **4.00** FILM: Run Silent, Run Deep (1958). *Submarine commander Clark Gable stalks a* Japanese destroyer. With Burt Lancaster (9094241) **6.00** Saber of London (7283338) **6.30** Department S (1615135) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (7263574) **8.00** Space 1999 (1688574) **9.00** Twin Peaks (1608338) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Porky's (1982): High school sex comedy (5425135)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7495338) **6.55** Present *Yourself* (61459086) ***7.00*** *Living Magazine* (92666135) **8.55** Present Yourself (8872512) **9.00** Ornamental Kitchen Garden (7540425) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1752932) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (5558086) **10.55** Present Yourself (35631135) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (4184319) **11.55** A Taste of Japan (6131406) ***12.30pm*** *Brookside* (4584241) **1.05** Best of Kilroy (6992796) **2.00** Agony Hour (4079593) **3.00** Living Magazine (6695864) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9334777) **4.30** Crosswits (7284680) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (50912131) **5.30** Bewitched (9347241) **6.00** Esther (9344154) **6.30** Brookside (3038338) **7.05** *The Jerry Springer Show* (4586512) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7122390) ***8.55*** *Present Yourself* ***9.00*** *FILM:* Original Sin (1989). The kidnap of young boy exposes family secrets (17259796) **10.50** Entertainment Now (6041683) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (1469574)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (2715) **5.30** The Adventures of Tintin (639816) **5.50** Batman (530777) **6.25** Catchphrase (157628) **7.00** *Through the Keyhole* (2951) **7.30** My Two Dads (3932) **8.00** FILM Hart to Hart Returns With Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers (15777) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (36319) **10.30** Moonlighting (89845) **11.30** Batman (77203) **12.00** The Adventures of Tintin (94461) **12.30pm** Second Guess (74520) ***1.00*** *Zorro* (70988) ***1.30*** *Rhoda* (78461) ***2.00*** Moonlighting (30520) **3.00** Rhoda (83452) **3.30** Zorro (62094) **4.00** The Wonder Years (56487) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (84181)

MTV
6.00am Awake (48244) **7.30** The Grind (21512) ***8.00*** *3 from 1* (9950406) ***8.15*** *Awake* (9233135) **9.00** VJ Maria (862883) **12.00** Soul (65319) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (74067) **2.00** Music Non-Stop (81406) **3.00** 3 from 1 (5456116) **3.15** Music Non-Stop (6001970) **4.00** Cinematic (3858406) **4.15** Hanging Out (5690898) **5.00** News **5.15** Hanging Out (5586593) **5.30** Dial MTV (8241) **6.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (5154) **6.30** Hanging Out (59241) **7.30** Sports (5390) **8.00** Greatest Hits (13319) **9.00** Most Wanted (94796) **10.30** Beavis and Butthead (47425) **11.00** News **11.15** Cinematic (425319) **11.30** Real World London (79861) **12.00** The End? (91320) **1.30am** Videos

VH-1
7.00am Power (2314241) **9.00** Cafe (1033715) **12.00** Heart and Soul (5027357) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (5003777) **2.00** Sheryl Crow (4047593) **3.00** Into the Music (2888406) **6.00** Prince (5016241) **7.00** VH-1 For You (2538661) **8.00** Review (2554608) **9.00** Luther Vandross (2534845) **10.00** Vinyl Years (2537932) ***11.00*** *Nightfly* (4387970) **1.00am** Del Amitri (5155891) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (99229947) **8.30** High Life (54268241) **9.00** Gujarati FILM (69923154) **12.00** Campus (54279357) **12.30pm** Manas (45076883) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Hero Hiralal (96233628) **4.00** Hasley Basley (10515777) **4.30** Nukkad (10504661) **5.00** Zee Zone (68226796) **5.30** Rail Sneham (10528241) ***6.00*** *Campus* (10525154) **6.30** Zee and U (10518406) **7.00** Red Card (97419661) **8.00** News **8.30** Amalshan (66234715) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Majboor (71876425)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films.
8.00pm The Swan (1956) (21155406) **10.00 *Christmas in Connecticut*** (1945) (32735222) **12.00 The Twenty — Fifth Hour** (1967) (60844723) **2.00am The Cross of Lorraine** (1943) (30313384) **3.35-5.35 The Only Way** (1970)

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Southgate may face Norway

Golden spell earns recall for Ferdinand

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THOSE who aspire to play football for England should first join a fashionable, winning club, then stand by their Teletext. Terry Venables, the national coach, seemed inadvertently to endorse that message yesterday when he named Les Ferdinand and Gareth Southgate among the 20 players for the international match against Norway in Oslo next Wednesday. "Their game seems to have gone up another 10-15 per cent since they transferred in the summer," Venables said.

The £6 million that Newcastle United paid Queens Park Rangers has given Ferdinand not merely the platform, not just the enthusiasm transmitted by Kevin Keegan, the manager, but a style similar to England's, a style that deploys one out-and-out mobile centre forward, and a second forward prompting him from a slightly withdrawn position. The ten goals that Ferdinand have scored this season fit the bill.

Southgate, having moved for £2.5 million from struggling Crystal Palace to vibrant Aston Villa, has extended his versatility. He now plays as one of three central defenders, rather than the midfield or full back roles he occupied for Palace, and Venables said that the way he has bedded down has caught the eye. "I'm slightly surprised," Southgate said. "I didn't have an inkling. The [Villa] boys had Teletext on when we came in for training, and they came up and shook my hand. That was the first I knew."

Venables could not telephone personally, not yesterday, anyway, since, shortly after issuing his squad at noon, he was on the steps of the High Court. There, he and his legal team were to concede a libel suit brought against him by Tony Berry, the Tottenham Hotspur director, relating to an allegation in Venables's autobiography. Venables, the book publisher and a Sunday newspaper agreed an out-of-court settlement.

The squad, reduced to 20, reflects the success of two clubs. There are four players from Newcastle, despite the knee injury that prevents Beardsley from being a candidate, and three from Liverpool, despite the absence of Barnes through "a domestic problem".

In the absence of Ince, once thought an automatic choice in the position, Southgate, 25, could get a starting role as the "holding player" in front of the back four. Batty, an alternative whose form does not merit inclusion, is dropped. Venison is now but a memory, and Platt is one of a host of injured regulars.

Venables has agreed to a request from Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, for Paul Gascoigne to play against Aberdeen on Saturday, and he will now join the squad two days late. Gascoigne may well be partnered for the second time by Jamie Redknapp, the Liverpool player who is prepared to run for him. The right side of midfield, however, may be open to persuasion. There, Steve McManaman has more pace and variety than Dennis Wise, but Venables has included another potential new cap, Steve Stone, of Nottingham Forest.

Good for him. Stone, 24, is consistency personified. He runs with the zest of a man deprived of his learning years by breaking his right leg three times during his Forest apprenticeship. He exudes enthusiasm, having taken his chance on the right when he was initially a midfield runner.

But, as ever, it is the firepower of the side that intrigues most people. Ferdinand has only twice played a bit part in Venables's selection. He was allotted just nine minutes against the United States a year ago, and he started in the match against Ireland in Dublin which was abandoned after 27 minutes. Since then, despite scoring fairly regularly while carrying Queens Park Rangers, he has become transformed by his move to the North East.

"Les leads the line like no other Newcastle centre forward since Jackie [Milburn]," Keegan said yesterday. The compliment is slightly backhanded. Before the season began, I suggested that, if Keegan could get inside the mind of Ferdinand, could persuade him that the niggles and the muscle strains that so often interrupted his progress, he might be a more mobile and speedier alternative to Alan Shearer.

Venables seemed to endorse that thought yesterday when he insisted that all positions were up for review, that Shearer was no different, and that "Les Ferdinand, with his aerial ability and his pace, might give us something different".

There is nothing different, however, on the Matthew Le Tissier front. "Not at this moment," Venables said, warily. "He's still got time. My position hasn't changed, but I'd rather talk about players who are in the squad. This [Le Tissier] thing has run its course."

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SQUAD

D Seaman (Arsenal), I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), G Neville (Manchester United), R Jones (Liverpool), A Adams (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United), S Howey (Newcastle United), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), J Beresford (Newcastle United), P Gascoigne (Rangers), S McManaman (Liverpool), J Redknapp (Liverpool), R Lee (Newcastle United), G Southgate (Aston Villa), S Stone (Nottingham Forest), N Barmby (Middlesbrough), A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur), L Ferdinand (Newcastle United), D Wise (Chelsea)



Venables, the England coach, appears far from happy as he announces his squad for the match against Norway next week. Later yesterday he had a date at the High Court in London, where he settled a libel action. Photograph: Andrew Shaw

Fifa considers new international league

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FIFA, the governing body of world football, is considering a 16-club international summer league that could begin after the 1998 World Cup in France, Sepp Blatter, its general secretary, said yesterday. The club league would be "like a small world championship but for clubs", Blatter said, and would be played mainly in North America, Asia and Africa, where football is still largely in its developmental stages. The league would be contested over 14 days during the summer months.

"We looked at the international calendar and we saw some interesting gaps in the summer months," Blatter added. He said the league would be likely to include eight European teams. Summer is, however, traditionally the off-season in European football in an otherwise crowded calendar.

"The plans were drawn up some time ago and are in our desk drawers but they can't be implemented until after the 1998 World Cup," Blatter said.

He revealed that Fifa also wanted to upgrade the role of linesmen. "They should be assistants to the referee and have more authority."

During the interview with a German television network, the Fifa official announced that more than 150 associations, representing a record number of teams, had submitted entries for the 1998 World Cup. Even though an exact number was not clear because official receipt of some forms was still awaited, it was known to have surpassed the previous high of 144 for the 1994 United States World Cup.

"The record entry not only reflects the continuing emergence of new countries in various continents, but also the founding of new national associations," Blatter said. The preliminary draw for the tournament is on December 12 in Paris.

On home soil, Denis Irwin, the Manchester United defender, dropped out of the Ireland squad yesterday, ahead of their crucial group six European championship qualifier against Latvia on October 11. Irwin was ruled out by a medial ligament injury and the Ireland manager, Jack Charlton, said he would not call up a replacement for the Dublin match. Charlton is likely to employ Aston Villa's Steve Staunton at left back, with Liverpool's Mark Kennedy keeping his place on the left side of midfield after his debut in the 3-1 defeat by Austria in Vienna. Staunton made an impressive return for Villa in their 3-0 victory at Coventry on Saturday, after undergoing an operation on his heel.

Victory over the Latvians is vital if Ireland, third in their group, are to have any hope of qualifying for the European championship finals in England next year.

"It's a match we have to win and we can take nothing for granted as Latvia are on a roll at the moment following successive victories over Northern Ireland, Austria and Liechtenstein," Charlton, who will assemble the 21 remaining members of the squad on Saturday, said.

Brian Laudrup, the Rangers striker, was left out of Denmark's squad for the European championship group two qualifier against Spain in Copenhagen on October 11, however. Doctors ordered him to rest for several weeks until he has fully recovered from a lingering ankle injury sustained in August.

Mansell plotting new twist to put career back in gear

Oliver Holt meets a former champion determined to stay on the fast track

Reports of Nigel's Mansell's retirement proved to be exaggerated yesterday. Many expected the 1992 Formula One world champion to use the launch of his autobiography at the Café Royal in London to announce that he was turning his back on competing in motor racing, but instead he came out raging against the dying of the light.

Surrounded by journalists who had come to bury him as well as to praise him, Mansell said he was considering several offers for drives next year. He discounted touring cars and said he was only interested in single-seaters. He will decide whether to accept one of the offers or take a sabbatical year in 1996 within the next three weeks.

All the top drives in Formula One appear to have been taken and although Mansell was keen to point out that late switches can be made, it seems certain his route back will lead to America. A return to the IndyCar series he won in 1993 is a possibility but his more likely role is as the star of the Indy Racing League (IRL), an undersubscribed breakaway organisation set up as a rival to IndyCar.

The IRL would be attractive to Mansell because it controls the Indianapolis 500, and many of the IndyCar teams and stars may not be able to compete in it because of the squabble between the rival series. The IRL will only stage five races next year, a format that would allow Mansell to maintain a hands-on role at his golf and country club in Devon.

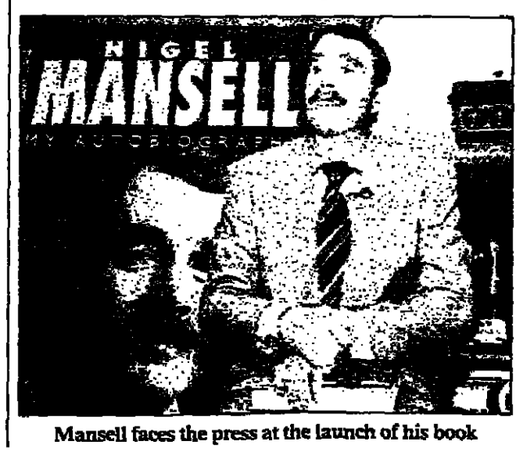
"There is a chance for me to compete at a very big level next year," Mansell said. "I am keeping all my options open, but one thing is for sure: this is not the right time to retire. I still have a lot to offer in motor racing terms."

By lunchtime, copies of *Nigel Mansell, My Autobiography*, skilfully co-written by motor racing journalist James Allen, had already been perused for targets of the great man's scorn. Not surprisingly, Alain Prost came in for some rough treatment but Mansell also directed criticism at the McLaren-Mercedes team.

Mansell parted company with McLaren after just two races this season amid complaints about the size of the cockpit and the poor handling of the car.

"What I found to my dismay," Mansell says, "was that some of the people in the McLaren team hadn't got a clue what to do about the problems. That is what really knocked my confidence in the McLaren organisation — they didn't have a quick fix and although the will was there, the savvy to get it done quickly and properly was not. I could see that until they put some new blood into the team and new direction in the design department they would be in trouble for some time to come."

Prophetic words when one considers McLaren's parlous performance at the European Grand Prix this weekend. Another assertion, that Williams "paid dearly" for choosing David Coulthard over him, is more open to question but Mansell clearly feels he would have been world champion this year had he been at Williams-Renault alongside Damon Hill.



Mansell faces the press at the launch of his book

Manchester meeting rides into trouble

THE Superdrome international cycling meeting scheduled for Manchester Velodrome on October 13 and 14 has been cancelled because of poor advance ticket sales.

The meeting was to have featured a challenge match between Chris Boardman and Tony Rominger, the world No 1, and an attempt by the new world pursuit champion, Graeme Obree, to regain his world hour record.

Alan Rushton, managing director of the promoter, Sport for Television, who last year brought the Tour de France to Britain, said: "It is a tough decision to have made but we must all face reality.

"We are ahead of the market and there is some fundamental rethinking required. The riders deserve better than this.

"The fact is that the majority of the United Kingdom cycling fraternity currently seems to have little interest in attending track racing.

"This is borne out, not just by Superdrome, but also by the appallingly low turnout for other, cheaper meetings at the Velodrome."

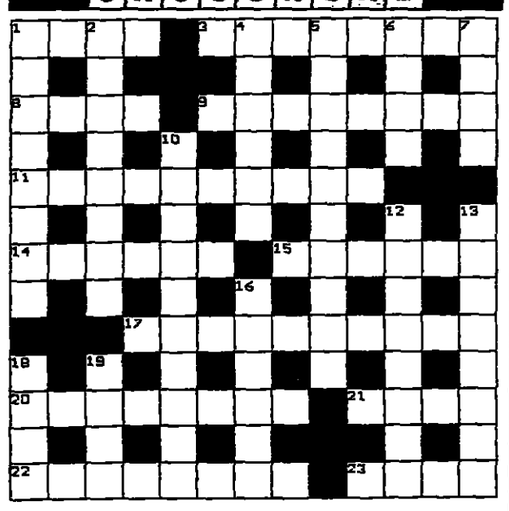
Lack of interest among potential advertisers, despite guaranteed television coverage, is also blamed.

Obree's attempt to retake the record he has held twice was to have been the highlight of the second day of the indoor meeting.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," Frank Quinn, Obree's manager, said. "We are still interested in trying for it in the next six weeks if a track such as Bordeaux is interested."



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Scandinavian leaders spearhead attack on Chirac's South Pacific programme

Euro ministers say French nuclear test undermines Union

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG AND BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S latest nuclear test cast a pall over a European ministers' session in Luxembourg yesterday, clouding talk of an Atlantic free trade area and adding to a malaise among the smaller states over the Union's direction.

Anger over yesterday's high-yield test at Fangataufa atoll in the South Pacific echoed around Brussels and Luxembourg. The EU Commission abandoned its previous distance and said it that deplored the blast.

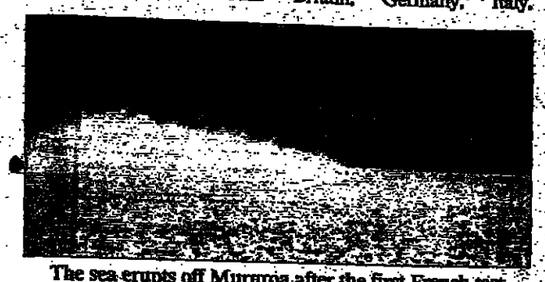
At a Luxembourg EU meeting, Scandinavian ministers led the attack on Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, charging him with flouting the wishes of the European people and undermining the Union. Ministers from all the EU states except Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal spoke out against President Chirac.

"We are very, very disappointed," Lena Hjelm-Wallen, the Swedish Foreign Minister, said. "We had hoped that the reaction around the world would have stopped the tests." Niels Helveg-Petersen, the Danish Minister, said that German silence did not imply approval. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, noted that it was "up to France to justify" its decision to test. "There will be no more nuclear tests as far as the United Kingdom is concerned," he added.

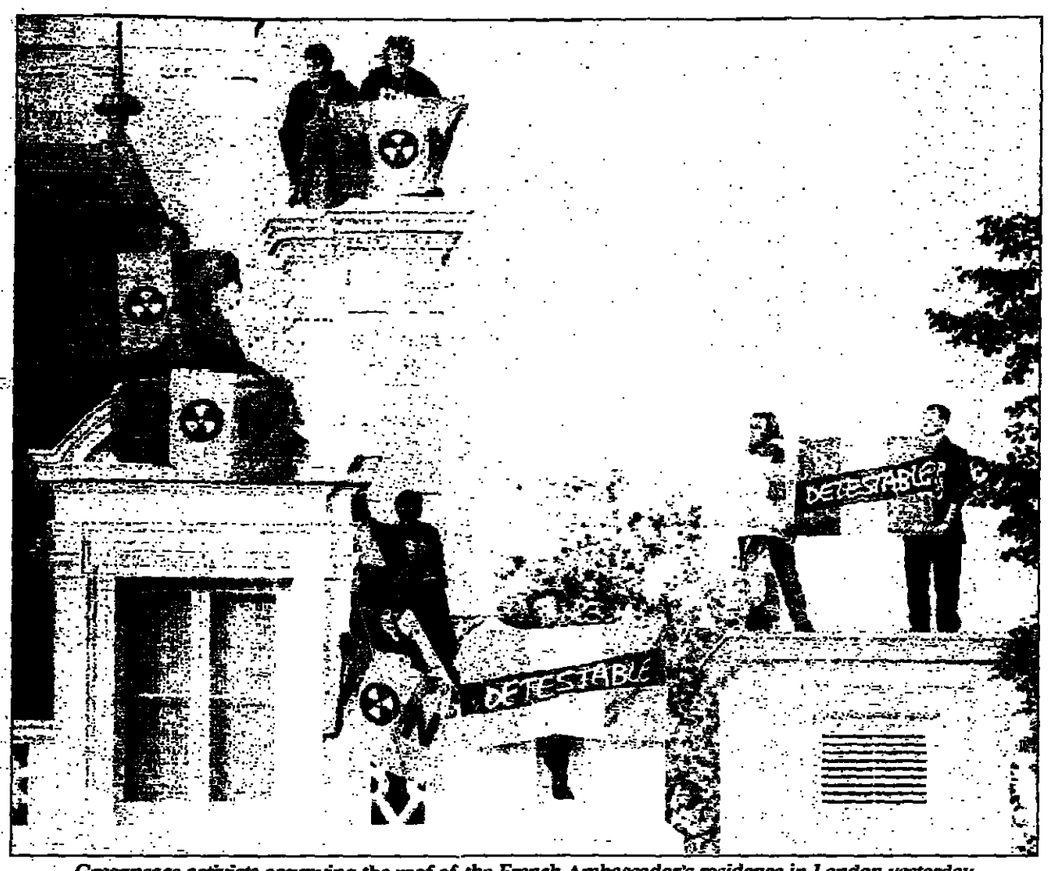
The opposing states lamented the disarray which they said French behaviour was inflicting on the Union at a time when confidence was being sapped by doubts over monetary union and other issues. "It seems Chirac does not give a hoot about Europe," a senior Nordic official said. Mr Rifkind, however, said that it would serve to "bring home the fact that different member states have different foreign policy and defence priorities."

M de Charette said that most of the noise was coming from the media rather than other governments. "I do not think this is damaging French diplomacy," he said.

The French device had an explosive force estimated at six times greater than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. The second explosion in the new series of tests was beneath Fangataufa atoll 750 miles southeast of Tahiti. It was "less than 110 kilotonnes", according to the Defence Ministry, and intended to evaluate the 150-kilotonne TN75 warhead that will be carried by France's five Triomphant-class submarines.



The sea erupts off Mururoa after the first French test



Greenpeace activists occupying the roof of the French Ambassador's residence in London yesterday

Explosion renews wave of protests

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRANCE'S explosion of a second nuclear bomb in the South Pacific yesterday sparked angry protests throughout the Pacific region.

Paul Keating, Australia's Prime Minister, immediately said: "The test ignores the understandable outrage in the international community at the first French test. France's good name in the region and around the world has been further damaged. Australia's efforts to press France to abandon its nuclear test programme will be unceasing and unrelenting."

In New Zealand, Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, added: "There is a great sense of frustration that France seems determined not to listen to the voice of the Pacific, the voice of world leaders at home in Europe or anywhere else."

Top-level protests regretting the test also came from Japan, Russia and Norway. In Australia, New Zealand and Japan, French ambassadors were summoned to meetings to receive a formal protest.

The New Zealand Government is resisting strong pressure from opposition parties to sever diplomatic ties with France. The South Pacific Forum, a grouping of 15 independent nations, is likely to move to suspend France as a dialogue partner. New Zealand and Papua New Guinea yesterday reiterated their support for such action.

Anti-French protesters in Sydney and Canberra marched on French consulates while Australian unions declared a 24-hour strike on refuelling French aircraft. In Norway, many workers stopped work for five minutes at midday to protest against French and Chinese testing.

In Papeete, the Tahiti capital, the mood was tense with more than a thousand French police on stand-by to avert any repetition of the riots that followed the first test.

In London, 30 Greenpeace activists were being held by police last night after climbing on to the roof of the French Ambassador's official residence. The organisation condemned the explosion as "totally outrageous".

Blast churns atoll lagoon into foam

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

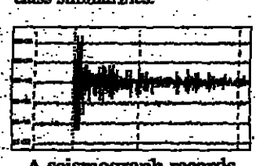
A BRIGHT flash and a sea of foaming water signalled to the world France's second nuclear explosion of the present series, at Fangataufa atoll, in the South Pacific yesterday, as the magnitude of the huge blast turned the lagoon white.

Television film of the test, taken by the French military authorities, was the only material broadcast around the Pacific region: a Greenpeace vessel, the *Manutea*, whose crew had been hoping to film the blast, was seized by French marines shortly before the test.

The 110-kilotonne explosion, set off by the turn of a key by French military officials in bunkers hidden deep in Fangataufa atoll, quickly spread out across the water in a huge ring as the sea began to bubble. Ken Muirhead, an official of the Australian Seismological Centre, said that the blast was was one of the largest nuclear explosions ever recorded.

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation, which registered the blast in Canberra 12 minutes after it occurred, said the explosion had registered at ten times the intensity of the shockwaves of the first blast, which took place on September 5. Greenpeace says that Fangataufa atoll was chosen for the second test because Mururoa atoll, the site of the first in the series, was too fragile to withstand the greater blast.

It is believed that the second test was carried out to check the reliability of the TN75 warhead, which will equip new French submarines next year. A spokesman for the French military said: "The goal of this test was to guarantee the safety and reliability of the weapons in the future."



A seismograph records yesterday's explosion

Warhead linked to new submarines

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FRANCE'S latest nuclear test was part of the its strategic deterrent modernisation programme which is currently under review.

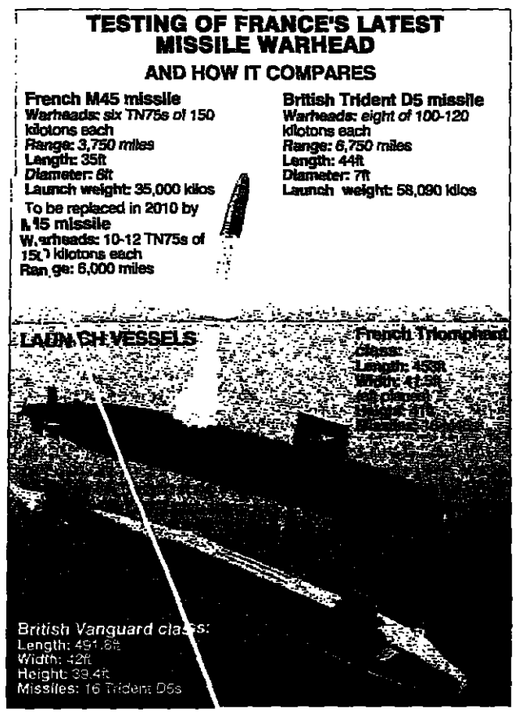
The French Navy's five Redoubtable-class submarines, each armed with 16 M4 missiles, are being replaced by a new Triomphant-class boat which will have the updated and longer-range M45 missile.

Under longer-term plans the French propose to replace the M45 missile with the M5 system which will have ten to 12 warheads and a range of 6,000 miles. Deployment of the even bigger missile system is planned for about 2010.

The latest nuclear test was aimed at certifying the performance characteristics of the TN75 warhead for the M45 missile. Although 22 previous tests had been carried out during development, the French military said it needed one final experiment.

The future of France's strategic systems and the structure of French armed forces is currently the subject of a comprehensive review ordered by the Chirac Government. Unlike Britain and other Nato countries, France had postponed a defence review following the end of the Cold War. However, President Chirac ordered a full examination of security requirements and a report is expected early next year. The M45 and M5 systems are both included in the review.

The current proposal is to fit the M45 missile system with its TN75 warhead to the four Triomphant-class submarines and to refit them with the M5 at a later date. The number of Triomphant-class submarines has already been cut from six to four.



Kenyan spared gallows

Nakuru: Koigi wa Wamwere, Kenya's leading dissident, and two defendants were sentenced to four years' jail and six strokes of the cane after being found guilty of attempting to steal weapons from a police station. The charge of mounting an armed raid on a police station, which carries a mandatory death sentence, was dropped. *(Reuter)*

Dual control

Moroni: Comoros coup leader Captain Combo Ayouba, freed from jail by Colonel Bob Dénard, appointed two civilian residents as anger grew against the mercenaries. But ost backed removal of President Djohar. *(Reuter)*

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Nigerian TV shows excerpts from plot trial

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LAGOS



Obasanjo: his conviction led to worldwide protests

THE Nigerian military Government was accused yesterday of playing games with the liberty of its citizens after state-controlled television showed excerpts of a secret coup plot trial hours after sentences on 40 alleged plotters were commuted.

The videotape of the trial, screened on Sunday night, purported to show that there were two plots, which later converged, against the Government of General Sani Abacha. The trial excerpts conveyed that General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former ruler, and his former deputy, Major-General Shehu Yar'Adua, met the alleged leaders and supported their plans. The conviction of General Obasanjo, widely respected in the West, at a secret military trial earlier this year provoked protests around the world and threats of sanctions against Nigeria.

In the face of mounting international pressure, General Abacha on Sunday commuted sentences on the accused, 14 of whom faced execution, but did not specify what the prison terms would be. He also gave details of a three-year transition to civilian rule. In the film, the narrator portrayed retired Colonel Sambo Dasuki, an exiled fugitive, as the leader of the main plot in which General Abacha would be assassinated by a bomb at a Muslim praying ground or the presidency in Abuja, the capital, would be stormed. The other plot also involved exiled Nigerians and was allegedly hatched in neighbouring Benin.

One independent newspaper described the film as "a revealing testimony" but Gani Fawehinmi, one of the few leading opposition figures not behind bars, said the film was faked and televised to make General Abacha look magnanimous. Critics of the Abacha regime have accused it of dreaming up the coup plot last March to crack down on pro-democracy campaigners and divert pressure for the return to civilian rule.

A senior Western diplomat said that there was no evidence to convict General Obasanjo and warned General Abacha that he was "playing with fire".

"He is clearly trying to tease out of us further approval for the transition process. This is playing games with people's liberty," the diplomat said.

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Cambodia delays British doctor's rape hearing

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PHNOM PENH

THE trial of a British doctor charged with raping five Cambodian boys has been postponed after the escape of a former Buddhist monk alleged to have procured minors for the doctor, court officials said yesterday.

The former monk, Sontantak Vitak, was arrested on Friday and charged with rape and conspiracy to commit rape but escaped on Saturday as he was being brought to court, said Nob Sophon, deputy chief of Phnom Penh Municipal Court.

Depending on the decision of a judge, the monk was to have been either a witness or a co-defendant in the trial of Gavin Scott, who was arrested in June on suspicion of paedophilia after five teenage boys complained to the police that Dr Scott had assaulted them. The trial was to have begun today.

Court sources quoted by the *Cambodia Daily* newspaper said that the monk may also be charged with pimping. He may also face charges of kidnapping.

Dr Scott's lawyer, Samuel Oum, confirmed that the case had been postponed indefinitely. Dr Scott, who had operated a private practice in the capital for several years, has been held in Phnom Penh's notorious colonial-era prison and has been refused bail. The rape charge carries a three to five-year prison term on conviction.

The five teenagers complained to police with the help of the Cambodian branch of End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism. The group has come under fire from a growing number of foreigners, who have sent letters to the editor of local newspapers, contending that the private group has conducted the entire investigation and has interfered with Dr Scott's ability to prepare a defence by opposing his release on bail. The group has declined to comment.

Army kills 51 Tigers in Jaffna offensive

FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO

ABOUT 51 Tamil Tiger guerrillas were killed in a Sri Lankan Army offensive that led to the capture of a number of towns in the rebel stronghold of Jaffna, a military communiqué said yesterday. The army lost 19 men.

The offensive, codenamed Thunder Strike, involved three army brigades backed by tanks and artillery. The soldiers, advancing from Palaly air base on the northern tip of Jaffna at dawn on Sunday, overran guerrilla positions to the south, it said. "By afternoon troops captured an area of eight square miles, including Achchuveli, Thoppu, Navakkeri, Vasavilan, Puthur, Pathameni, Avarankadu, Iddaikadu and Vallai."

The troops faced initial resistance from the guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. "Subsequently the terrorists started withdrawing further to the south," the communiqué said. "The operation is in progress."

Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe had denied on Sunday that the troop movement signalled the start of the planned major offensive against the Tigers which has been expected before monsoon rains start in the middle of the month.

The rebel Tiger Radio reported heavy fighting in Jaffna on Sunday. It said tanks and armoured vehicles were moving towards rebel-held areas, and that shells had been hitting the Achchuveli area since Sunday morning. At least five civilians were killed, it said. There had also been heavy fighting at the key Elephant Pass, which links the government-controlled southern mainland with the northern Jaffna peninsula.

The Government has said it wants to crush the Tigers after they unilaterally broke a truce in April and resumed hostilities, refusing to study a government peace plan offering extensive autonomy to Tamils.

Anuruddha Ratwatte, the Deputy Defence Minister, was quoted yesterday as saying Colombo would not slow down or abandon the war but it would be fought to a finish within two or three months. Once the 12-year-old war was over, a political solution to the ethnic problem was necessary for lasting peace, he added.

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Season of mists and aching joints

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on safe ways to beat the pain of ageing

To the poet, autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In the countryside the fruitfulness may be of greater significance, but to doctors the mists are more important.

The advent of autumnal damp heralds the season of aching limbs and painful joints. This is the time of the year when joints misused in youth, whether overworked in the fields or foundries, or overstretched on the soccer pitch, often protest in middle and old age.

Osteoarthritis is a degenerative disease of the joints, in which the cartilage covering the ends of the bones becomes eroded so that the bearing surface is pitted and roughened. Coupled with this, the adjacent bone proliferates.



Its advent is closely related to age; there is microscopic evidence of it in most people by the age of 40, and in virtually everybody by 70. It is more common in the overweight, in whom the knees rather than the hips are more likely to suffer.

It was not chance that the early pioneers of joint surgery worked in the industrial North and in agricultural Norfolk, for there is a close link between hard manual work and osteoarthritis.

Although the likelihood of developing it is related to occupation, wear and tear is not the only explanation, as degeneration of the joints involves a far more complex pathological process.

Osteoarthritis occurs in all mammals except bats and sloths, which hang rather than stand, and even occurs in elderly people who have enjoyed a totally sedentary lifestyle. Physical idleness can no more protect people from osteoarthritis than wearing a hat can prevent them from going grey.

Until a stage in osteoarthritis is reached in which surgical joint replacement becomes necessary, its treatment is symptomatic. Exercise should be taken to keep the patient active, but anything which causes undue stress on a joint should be avoided.

Pain needs to be tackled in all types of arthritis. The drugs of choice for rheumatoid arthritis are the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); these are held in reserve in cases of osteoarthritis until the degree of inflammation makes their use justified.

If the amount of inflammation present in a case of osteoarthritis warrants the use of an NSAID, the choice of drug is all-important. *Mims*, the medical monthly, is kept by most doctors on their surgery desk and carries a league table of the propensity of these drugs to cause serious side-effects.

Professor Roger Sturrock of the University of Glasgow, writing in the journal *Prescriber*, recommends paracetamol for the initial treatment of osteoarthritis, and when NSAIDs are indicated to try ibuprofen first, because this drug seems to have the lowest incidence of side-effects. Twenty million prescriptions for NSAID drugs are issued each year, and hundreds of patients a year die from their side-effects, mainly from severe gastrointestinal bleeding.

Patients at particular risk are the elderly, especially older women, the infirm, those who have a history of gastrointestinal ulceration or bleeding, smokers, drinkers, and those taking steroids or anticoagulants.

If a patient is at risk from gastrointestinal bleeding, drugs which protect the gut such as Tagamet and Zantac, proton pump inhibitors such as Losec, or drugs which preserve the gut mucosa such as Misoprostol (Cytotec), should be prescribed at the same time.

A report published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* recently describes a large prospective American study which showed that prescribing Misoprostol at the same time as an NSAID not only protected patients with rheumatoid arthritis from peptic ulceration, but also from other severe gastrointestinal complications.

British Asians have to wait longer than whites for transplants. **Jeremy Laurance** explains why

A fatwa that could save lives

SINCE Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader, issued the fatwa that threatened Salman Rushdie's life, Westerners have understood the term as a harbinger of death and destruction.

But another kind of fatwa, issued recently by a different religious organisation, has brought new hope to a group of seriously ill patients who would otherwise be staring death in the face.

Kidney failure is three to eight times more common among blacks and Asians than among whites, a result of high rates of diabetes and raised blood pressure in the ethnic groups. Their chances of a transplant, however, are disappointingly small.

The reason has been the reluctance of the 1.3 million Muslims in Britain to become organ donors. A Muslim asked to sign a donor card is likely to reply that his body belongs to God and he has no say over it. This may now change as a result of a fatwa issued during the summer by the Muslim Law Council, an authority that is to Muslims what the Vatican is to Roman Catholics.

The fatwa — essentially a religious opinion — says Muslims may donate organs, carry donor cards and permit the removal of organs from next of kin. It says a diagnosis of brain-stem death is an acceptable measure of when life ends and that doctors are to be trusted to make it. It prohibits trading in organs.

> Muslims have been reluctant to register as organ donors

The document, the result of two years' intense negotiation among doctors, nurses, Muslim lawyers and teachers, has the backing of the imams in Tehran and both the leading Muslim groups, Sunni and Shia. Hospital transplant co-ordinators believe it will encourage more donations from Muslims.

Their organs are urgently needed: on average, Asians with kidney failure in Britain wait two years for a transplant compared with four to six months for whites.

Although kidneys may be donated across racial groups, difficulties arise in tissue matching. For a transplant to proceed, blood groups must match. Among British whites, 6 per cent are group B, but among British Asians, 35-40 per cent are group B. Some tissue types, of which there are hundreds, are also concentrated in certain ethnic groups.

Organs from all racial groups are in short supply, however. Donations — and thus transplants — are slipping while waiting lists are growing. Figures show the waiting list for all donor organs — including hearts, lungs, livers and corneas — is more than 6,000, of whom 5,000 are waiting for kidneys.

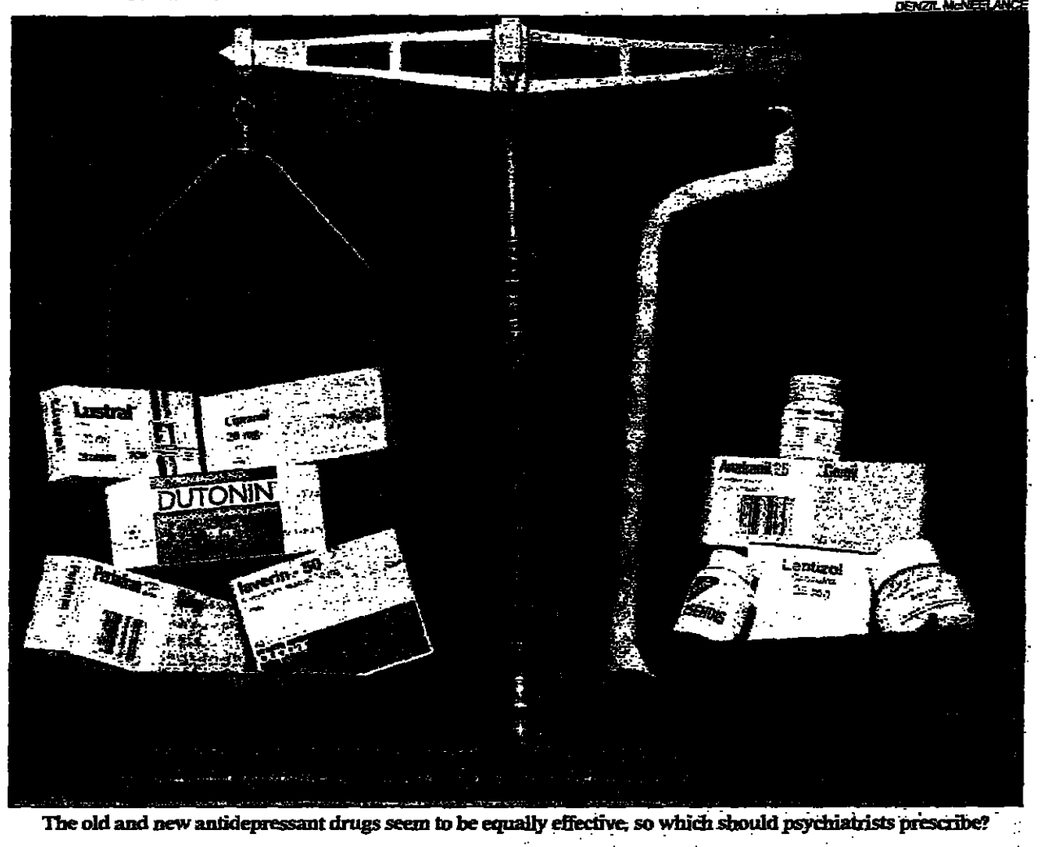
A campaign launched yesterday by the British Kidney Patient Association seeks to reverse the decline in donor organs — a result of the fall in road accidents in recent years — by increasing the number of people on the NHS organ donor register. The computerised register, set up last year, carries more than one million names and allows hospitals to verify rapidly whether a patient has confirmed a wish to donate their organs.

Elizabeth Ward, who launched the original donor card and founded the BKPA, hopes that more Asians will register: "I think it is very sad if some of them feel that their religion does not allow them to donate when it clearly is not true. As a group they have a great need for transplants and they are willing to accept organs from others. If willing to take, then they should also be able to give."

● *You can join the NHS donor register by calling the British Kidney Patient Association's campaign number, 0900 600699.*

Costing a bitter dispute over pills

Are the new antidepressants such as Prozac better than the older type? **Dr Simon Wessely** reports



DENZIL McNEELANCE

The old and new antidepressant drugs seem to be equally effective, so which should psychiatrists prescribe?

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, wants the latest advances in drugs and surgical techniques to be made available to patients more quickly. Expensive treatments that are only marginally better should be used sparingly, he said yesterday, but those that represent a big step forward should be a high priority, regardless of cost. But what happens when specialists disagree about the effectiveness of a new development? Psychiatrists are facing this question in the treatment of depression.

Conventional antidepressants, introduced in the 1950s, are known as the tricyclics because of their chemical structure. The precise way in which they act to relieve depression is still unclear, but it is probably linked to the finding that tricyclics increase the levels of several chemical messengers (neurotransmitters) in the brain.

Fluoxetine, better known by its trade name Prozac, has a different action. It blocks an enzyme that removes one specific neurotransmitter, serotonin, from the synaptic junction between cells in the central nervous system. The result is to increase the levels of serotonin. Fluoxetine is therefore classified as a selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitor or SSRI. It is not the only one — there are four other SSRIs from different manufacturers also on the market.

The arrival of SSRIs has led to predictable competition between the manufacturers, but the differences between SSRIs are not fundamental, nor are the costs, so most psychiatrists do not have strong views on the matter.

However, the same is not true of the wider struggle between SSRIs and tricyclics. The stakes are high. One month of a standard tricyclic, such as imipramine or amitriptyline, costs just over £1; one month of an SSRI used to cost about £30, but competition has brought this down to between £15 and £20.

The NHS currently spends about £130 million on antidepressants — if all prescriptions for the older tricyclics were changed to the new SSRIs, this would cost a further £500 million. At the moment SSRIs, despite the Prozac publicity, still make up only 25 per cent of all antidepressant prescriptions. One tricyclic alone, dothiepin (marketed as Prothiaden) represents 30 per cent of all GP prescriptions for antidepressants.

Many pharmaceutical company fortunes now rest on changing this. The debate is thus occasionally bitter, and there have been several angry exchanges in the letters columns of the *British Medical Journal*. Partisans have claimed that doctors who continue to prescribe the old drugs are irresponsible and even negligent, while opponents say that the supporters of the SSRIs are in the pockets of the drug industry. Neither claim is true, but passions are running high. Just to complicate matters further there are also some newer tricyclics, such as lofepramine, which are claimed to be better tolerated and safer than the older tricyclics, but cheaper than SSRIs.

The issue would be easily resolved if one class of drugs were actually better at treating depression than the other. However, it is widely accepted that both SSRIs and tricyclics are equally effective.

However, SSRIs do appear to be safer when taken in overdose. Given that suicide is strongly associated with depression, this could be a major point in their favour. But it is not so simple. Between 5 and 10 per cent of deaths by suicide are due to antidepressant poisoning. But most people who kill themselves are not taking antidepressants. Everyone agrees this is a tragedy, since antidepressants, of whatever shape or form, do help depression. Treatment failure (taking too little antidepressant or none at all) is of more public health concern than toxicity.

The most controversial claim for SSRIs is that patients prefer them. Tricyclics are usually prescribed in small doses and gradually increased over time. Unfortunately, doses often remain too low to be effective. This is less likely to happen with SSRIs — one of their biggest selling points is that, unlike the tricyclics, many are given as a single daily dose, making both prescribing and patient compliance easier. However, it could still be cheaper to educate doctors to use the older drugs more effectively.

Some patients do experience unpleasant side-effects, especially sedation, when taking tricyclics. SSRIs also have side-effects, in particular feelings of agitation and nausea, but the manufacturers claim these are better tolerated than those of the older drugs.

If that is true, then a smaller proportion of those taking SSRIs will stop their treatment compared with those taking tricyclics. However, proving this is not easy.

In 1993, researchers based in Leeds and York, most of them funded by the Department of Health, analysed the results of 63 randomised controlled trials of antidepressants. They found no difference in the rate of drop out between patients taking the two classes of drugs. When this was published in the *BMJ*, it caused a storm. The principal critics, mainly academic psychiatrists with strong connections with the pharmaceutical industry, complained that some of the trials included in the analysis were of poor quality. They reanalysed only those trials they regarded as being of adequate standard. This time, SSRIs did better than tricyclics.

The argument continues. Tony Hale, Professor of Psychiatry at Sheffield University and a supporter of SSRIs, feels that the main advantage of the new drugs is their lack of any sedative side-effects: "If you or I were taking the old drugs we would be unlikely to be able to do our jobs." He says when considering the cost of the SSRIs one should take into account the reduction in time off work, and the fewer number of accidents at work and on the road.

But one of the authors of the *BMJ* paper, Dr Alan House, consultant psychiatrist at Leeds General Infirmary, says: "If you have an established treatment, you need good evidence to justify a change — particularly if the new option is more expensive. That evidence does not yet exist."

Critics, however, remain unconvinced, and argue that resources would be better spent on improving the detection and management of depression than simply changing drugs.

Only further clinical trials directly comparing old and new can discover if SSRIs really do save lives either by improved safety in overdose, or being better tolerated and hence treating more depression. However, because most depressed patients don't kill themselves, and most suicides don't involve antidepressants, such a study would need to be the largest clinical trial ever undertaken. For now, it is likely that a doctor's decision to stay with the old or switch to the new will remain a personal one, influenced by factors such as their own experience with a few patients, the skills with which the drugs are marketed, and the size of the practice drugs bill.

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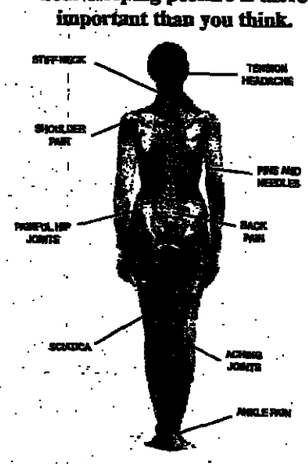
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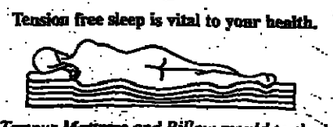
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Middle-class parents need tax breaks to help with the cost of childcare, not a child benefit handout that should go to the poor

Nanny state for working parents



NIGELLA LAWSON

ALL TAX is about taking with one hand in order to give with another, so why carp at any new variation on this theme? Why should John Prescott's attempt to come up with a wheeze that miraculously keeps the principle of universal benefits intact while destroying it in practice seem such an inappropriate way to deal with the hoary old question of child benefit? The reason is only partly because the attempt at legerdemain in this particular instance shows such harmfistedness.

It doesn't help that it looks like such a dishonest move. Not dishonest in the sense of corrupt, certainly, but dishonest in the sense of fudging the issue. There is only one way to deal with child benefit and that is to scrap it as a universal benefit. I don't believe the Blairite Labour Party for one instant feels any other way either. It's just that the principle of universal benefits is the last enduring one to dispense with this really would seem to dismantle Labour's whole political philosophy.

That's how it seems, certainly, but it's not how it is. The Labour Party must surely be brave and honest enough to show that it recognises the difference and face that it has a choice: either it remains true to the letter of the principle, and keeps child benefit as a universal benefit, or it remains true to the spirit of the principle. That would mean conclusively doing away with it.

While there are children and families living in poverty it cannot be right that equal amounts of state cash go to fund those whose need is not merely lesser, but, relatively speaking, non-existent. I feel fiercely that I don't want the sort of two-tier society produced by the ghetto-isation of education and the means-related split in the standard of medical care that we have now, but I see universal child benefit as something apart.

Education and medicine should be equally available to all. Ignorance and illness are both, in a manner of speaking, disabilities any government has a duty to relieve (for our sake as well as, in a broader sense, society's), but children are not a disability. Why should I be compensated by the State for having a child? I don't mean that all child benefit should therefore be scrapped: but rather a great deal of it should be raised.

Those who can afford to clothe, keep and feed their child should not be paid £10.20 as well as those who cannot get by. Better that someone else gets £20 for a child, us nothing. It sounds terribly *de haut en bas* to speak like that, but I do fervently believe "to each according to his needs" and so forth.

It was always said that child benefit was paid as a universal benefit to the mother, because even a company director could be mean, cruel and neglectful, drinking away his high salary at the golf club. I don't argue about that precisely, but it is no longer appropriate to the way we live now to see the man as breadwinner and manager of the family's finances. The company director, for that matter, may well be a woman.

Of course, taking away their benefit might not be a very tactful way to deal with the middle classes right now. But what if universal child benefit were scrapped and substituted by universal tax relief on childcare? By universal I mean a tax relief on all forms of nannies, nurseries, fees for childminders and workplace crèches paid at the lower tax rate. It would help the single mother who wants to go out to work and support her own child as much as the proverbial shoulder-padded high-flyer complete with baby and briefcase.

Yes, this would seem unfair to those who don't have children and are therefore, to some degree, subsidising those who do (though it would be more accurate to think of it as subsidising the children rather than their parents). But the existence of child benefit already enshrines the idea that children constitute some sort of special group, towards which it is worth targeting state funds. Indeed, this perhaps is one of its important functions: it says that the welfare of children is crucial to society and not just to the parents.

A universal tax relief that was not geared specifically to the higher tax bracket would surely do the same, and would enable more people to work as well as provide employment while it does so. And just to ensure that it doesn't produce a sort of state-sanctified, state-subsidised real-life *Upstairs Downstairs* set, a minimum wage payable to childminders should be initiated as part of the tax-relief bargain. Over to you Mr Blair.

Measure of protest

THE Conservative Party's own militant tendency, the Tunbridge Wells brigade, has been out in force over Metrication Day. Its notional spokesman, in the person of Sir George Gardiner, claims that "pounds, ounces ... are part of our Anglo-Saxon inheritance". Up to a point Sir George. But since ounce comes from the Latin *uncia*, from which root also comes "inch", and pound comes from the Latin *pondo* it would be absurd to claim these measures to be triumphs of Anglo-Saxon civilisation.

You could argue that what we are doing now is just trading in one European measure for another — just a new-fangled way of accepting that when in Rome ...

Labour's first lady joins the corset revival

Leadership? It's a cinch

PHIL HOLLIS



Cherie Blair at Brighton: forefront of fashion?

Just what was it that Cherie Blair was wearing at Brighton racecourse on Sunday? Experts agreed yesterday that she is the latest recruit to fashion's great corset revival. Her idiosyncratic costume of flat ankle boots, black leggings and lace-trimmed top, surmounted overall by a wide leather corset belt, made her look like a rather timid Miss Whiplash.

The designer collections earlier this year featured the corset in a variety of styles and fabrics. Rib cages creaked and bosoms heaved up and down the catwalks in gingham corsets by Vivienne Westwood, black leather by Jean-Paul Gaultier (as worn by Pamela Anderson), and satin by Karl Lagerfeld.

Agent Provocateur in Soho, which sells corsets to trendy gentry — both men and women — describes Cherie's belt as a "waist cinch". A spokesman decrees that she is in the forefront of fashion. "It is a popular item and we have been selling a lot of waist cinches this year. As well as belting like hers they often lace or zip up the back."

But Mary Spillane, owner of image consultants Colour Me Beautiful, who advised the Liberal Democrats on image at their conference last month, has grave fears for the dignity of Labour's first lady. "Her outfit had definite shades of S&M," she says, "and it is certainly not a proper look for a potential leader's wife."

Most politicians' wives insist on dressing over-cautiously. But, with Mrs Blair's endorsement, fashion experts say the corset has come out of the closet.

KATHERINE BERGEN

Women, men and friendship

Anne McElvoy on the problems of keeping a relationship platonic



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The world took a hostile view of Diana and Will's claim to be "only friends"

For all the smutty jokes doing the rounds about rugby captains, princesses and scoring tries, not even the most prurient tabloid researcher has so far produced any solid evidence that Will Carling and the Princess of Wales have ever been romantically involved with one another.

Julia Carling, who left the family home muttering about "losing my husband in a manner over which I have no control", has referred only to her husband's "foolish friendship". Will and Di apparently spent their assignations at a health club: a distinctly unpassionate location. Much has been made of the hot and heavy spectacle of them thrashing their way round the weights circuits together. This is the non-gym-goers' view of gyms. With their ascetic ethos lightened only by the odd post-training treat of a bulgar-wheat salad and mineral water, health clubs are definitely not sexy. Restaurants are for lovers: circuit training is for friends.

It is possible then, that the Carlings' young marriage has foundered not over an affair, but over a friendship which proved a source of relaxation and stimulation to one partner, while being perceived as an instance of disloyalty and threat by the other.

They would not be the first couple to fall apart over an extramarital relationship which was "only" a friendship. Our culture lays such stress on fidelity that any other external relationship is deemed harmless by comparison with adultery. But a strong friendship can be a challenge to even the deepest romantic bond.

Modern thinking on friendship after marriage is hopelessly muddled. "We all want to be part of the liberal consensus about not owning one another and allowing the other partner space and choices," says Denise Knowles, a counsellor with Relate, the marriage guidance service. "But the heart has a way of reclaiming our more basic emotions with sudden shafts of primitive jealousy."

Indeed, as Gordon Clanton, an American sociology professor who has made a study of jealousy thoughout the ages says: "The idea that you should feel bad about being envious of your partner's other bonds is very recent — a result of the sexual revolution. It used to be considered quite natural and complementary."

There cannot be many of us who did not feel a dash of uncomfortable recognition on hearing Billy Crystal tell Meg Ryan in Nora Ephron's film *When Harry Met Sally*: "Men and women can't be friends because the sex part always gets in the way. No man can be friends with a woman he finds attractive."

"So you can be friends with a woman you don't find attractive?" says Sally. "No," counters Harry, "you pretty much want to nail them too."

Suspicions about the robustness of platonic love when confronted with the temptations of the flesh are ingrained in us. When Plato advanced the idea of non-sexual, refined love between Socrates and young men, there was sniggering in the salons of Athens about the supposed baser intentions of the philosopher and he was ultimately forced to drink hemlock for corrupting the morals of the young.

Spiritual leaders have, traditionally, sought inspiration from female followers — think of Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene, or how Gandhi collected rich Hindu women followers and tested his own resolve by taking young women to bed with him but refraining from carnal encounters.

Platonic links can be a rewarding part of life. They appear to be more common in the upper-middle and upper classes than among the rank and file. Even before Diana, royalty made something of a speciality of them. Elizabeth I had non-sexual but loving relationships with her advisers William and Robert Cecil; ditto Queen Victoria and Benjamin Disraeli.

As nice-but-dim Will is finding out, the outside world has always taken a coarse and usually hostile view of platonic love. This makes it a risky pastime for those who live in the public eye. The thought of your husband having an extra Aqua Libra and a giggle about thigh bruises with his attractive female squash partner is tolerable. The sight of his photograph in the next day's paper against a story reading "Tired and glowing, they laughed and joked together in the bar, oblivious to the world around them" most certainly is not.

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Jobs aren't so cheap, Mr Brown

Anatole Kaletsky says Labour can't rewrite economic laws

If only it were so easy. "Our plan is nothing less than to abolish youth unemployment," Gordon Brown announced to the Labour Party conference yesterday. "No young person should spend years without a job," declared the Shadow Chancellor. Surely every right-minded person in Britain or any other country would say "Amen" to that.

People around the world — whether they vote Republican or Democrat, Gaullist or Socialist, Tory, Liberal Democrat or Monster Raving Loony — are desperate to find a cure for the social cancer of an idle, rootless, unemployable, crime-ridden young underclass. But Mr Brown's long oration left unanswered the two most important questions that have to be asked about any miracle cure: how and why?

How can the Shadow Chancellor be so sure that "under Labour no young person will spend years without a job"? And if the cure for youth unemployment were so cheap and obvious, why did nobody think of it before?

It is not as if Mr Brown's approach is so costly that other politicians would not dare touch it. His entire enterprise could be financed several times over by the windfall profits tax on utilities he has sensibly promised. His entire programme is supposed to require only a one-off payment of £1 billion, followed by much lower spending in subsequent years. But even if the cost turned out to be £1 billion annually, this would be a small and easily affordable price to pay for such a social boon. The windfall profits tax, through which Mr Brown plans to raise about £3 billion, could be raised to around £10 billion without unduly upsetting the financial markets or putting upward pressure on utility charges. A tax on that scale would be easily sufficient to fund £1 billion of special spending on unemployment every year.

From a different perspective, the extra £1 billion of public spending on job creation would easily be affordable even for a Tory Government bent on cutting taxes, or at least appearing to do so. This sum is not much more than the margin for error in a single month's estimate of the public sector borrowing requirement. If £1 billion could really provide the cast-iron guarantee against youth unemployment that Mr Brown is now offering, the most Scrooge-like Tory Chancellor would have spent the money gladly before now.

And even if you believe, with Mr Brown, that the Tories are too stupid and dogmatic to grab such a sure-fire election winner, this surely cannot be true of every other political party in every other country. If getting young people into jobs is merely a matter of offering prospective employers a modest tax rebate (£60 a week in Mr Brown's plan), then why are France, Italy, Spain and Sweden — which have tried very similar measures — all suffering from much higher unemployment than Britain?

France and Italy each spend 0.9 per cent of their gross domestic product on the kind of "active labour market measures" advocated by Mr Brown. This compares with the 0.5 per cent of GDP now spent in Britain and 0.2 per cent in America. Yet unemployment and youth unemployment are both much higher in France and Italy than in Britain or America. In both continental countries, around 30 per cent of the 16-25 age group are registered as unemployed. Even in Australia and Sweden, which Mr Brown takes as models, the unemployment rates for 16 to 24-year-olds were 16.2 per cent and 16.6 per cent respectively in 1994 — exactly the same as in Britain.

Nowhere in the world has a job-creation scheme been devised that overcomes an awkward fact of economics: the jobs created through targeted subsidies mostly displace unsubsidised jobs. If Mr Brown promises that everyone under 25 will find a job, and backs this guarantee with public money, the main consequence will be to put more of the older generation out of work. The total number of jobs in the economy cannot be increased by subsidies. It depends on the monetary, fiscal and exchange-rate policies pursued by the Government, and on the average level of real wages relative to profits. The experience of countries on the Continent shows beyond peradventure that too tight a monetary policy or too high a minimum wage has far more effect on unemployment than all the targeted subsidies in the world.

> If the answer were obvious, it would have been found

This does not prove, as some free-market radicals contend, that all employment subsidies are a waste of money and a political deception. There is a commonsense appeal in the idea that the Government should convert unemployment benefits into training or work subsidies, instead of supporting idleness. There is also some evidence that people are more likely to find unsubsidised jobs after experiencing regular work. Above all, there is a clear moral case for giving young people the sense that they are socially useful citizens, rather than parasites.

Without special subsidies, youth unemployment in continental Europe would almost certainly be even higher than it is today. And even in Tory Britain, special employment measures quite similar to those proposed by Mr Brown have played a part in easing long-term and youth unemployment. Indeed, the total spent on such active labour market measures is already some £3 billion a year. Beside this, Mr Brown's extra £1 billion can hardly be described as extravagant.

If Mr Brown's ideas can help to achieve this, they deserve a fair wind. But to claim that such small palliatives will offer a permanent cure to mass unemployment is a cruel deception.



Our wedding wows

Marriages that fail fascinate us because we long for our own to work

Libby Purves

That observant bachelor E.M.Forster wrote in *Howards End* about the way, after a wedding, that an "astonishing glass shade interposes between married couples and the world". For all our frankness and agony-columns, that shade still falls, clack!, every time. Sometimes the shock is so great that the newly married crash out through the shade in precipitate panic: most couples who split up do so within the first few years. The longer it lasts, the longer it is going to last, as a rule; and what is more, the less likely the outside world is ever to understand why.

The world, however, keeps on trying. Our collective nose is pressed to the glass shade, peering in at other people's unions with shameful, incurable fascination. Neighbours' marriages are interesting enough, whether they are visibly turbulent or simply so odd that we are baffled as to why she (or he) stays with him (or her). But neighbours are too close to examine properly; their children eat birthday cupcakes with ours, their wounded in-laws buttonhole us in the supermarket, they themselves deliver competing versions of their quarrels. We are involved, and moreover we run the risk of the loose partner crashing in and disturbing our own nest. Gawping at the marriages of people you actually know is a dangerous spectator sport. As in ice-hockey, the puck may skid towards you unexpectedly and get you, through the net.

But marriage is so mysterious that we long for living specimens to observe. Why not, if the proper study of mankind is man? So step forward Will and Julia, Charles and Di, Ken and Emma, Bob and Paula, Dudley Moore and Nicole. Take a bow, Pavarotti and Stephen Hawking and Chris de Burgh, poor sap; and Earl Waldegrave and oh yes, the man who refuses to pay CSA maintenance for his daughter because the sperm was donated by someone else; and while we're about it, let us peer wonderingly at the plastic-surgery millionaire in Bromsgrove currently out on bail on condition that he keeps away from his wife, after some complicated shenanigans involving a rival Midlands nose-modeller and some alleged death threats.

A public couple need not even quarrel in order to draw our impertinent scrutiny. Wiping our foggy breath from the obscuring glass shade, we peer in with anxious concentration at such specimens as Alan and Jane Clark ("How does she put up with it?"), Tony and Cherie Blair ("Who wears the trousers?") and — as today's grim hearing opens — Frederick and Rosemary West. We want to know what on earth goes on inside marriages: not because it is any of our business, but because we are looking for fragmented reflections of our own lives. What would I do if my husband chased the nanny? Or threatened me with a meat-cleaver? Or built suspicious patios? Or led the Labour Party?

Would I resist it? Live up to it? Have deserved it? Suppose my wife was a star and I wasn't? Suppose she had bulimia? Ran off with a younger man with more stubble? In this hidden dialogue beneath the gossip, it isn't them we talk about, but ourselves.

Sometimes we go too far. A Sunday broadsheet engages in tabloid therapy with a column headed "Relationship of the week", albeit with no pretence that the writer has ever actually met any of the people in it; and I must be the only journalist in the country who has no view at all on whether Emma Thompson's Oscar spiked her marriage. I don't know for sure what went on, and neither do you. The glass shade is in place. Perhaps he is genuinely proud of her Oscar, loves her for it, and the separation turns on a row over in-laws, or dripping taps, or one partner's violently satsuma-scented Body Shop scrub making the other one sneeze. Don't know. Don't care. Does it matter?

To blame the media is a cop-out. Physical and photographic intrusion certainly must be regulated; I for one would even welcome some law to prevent dramatisations of the sort which made the lives of Duncan McAllister and his in-laws miserable when a lousy TV play was made of Mrs McAllister's murder. There should be limits of taste; but reasonable media speculation about the interior of marriages is unstoppable, because it is the public who demand it, buy it, read it and discuss it endlessly around smart dinner-tables and canteen counters. It is not a wholly base demand: human beings want to understand human behaviour, and nothing is harder to understand than marriage.

There really is no formula: all we have to work on are a few durable old wives' truisms, and we like it best when publicised cases seem to confirm them. Thus the Princess of Wales is a young woman to whom a very bad turn was done when she was only 19, by a much older man who should have known better; a woman who has reason to be angry and dangerous and a threat to men's peace. Suddenly, it seems, she is becoming just that. It is not that we are pleased, exactly; it is just that having cast the Princess this way we can look around our own circle and identify other rogue elephants, angry unreconciled lone women with a restless gleam in their eyes. It was the same at Alan Clark's confessional peak, when every circle joyfully identified the Clark in its midst: the ass who thinks it fine to chase young women as long as you call them young ladies.

So the Ken-and-Em scenario suits us too, in an age when plenty of couples are driven apart by dual careers and geographical stress, and plenty of men are nervous of their wives' achievement. Whether or not these things really affect the Branaghs is almost irrelevant: we use them as a template to tidy up our own perceptions.

The fascinating thing is that the subjects play the same game. You or I might think that if a reporter asked about our intimate affairs, the only possible statement would be "Mind your own business or I'll turn the hose on you". But the victims persist in throwing out titbits, such as the Branaghs' "we have drifted apart", and "I'm feeling pretty ropey", or Julia Carling's tantalising statement about matters "beyond my control", the Princess of Wales's co-operation with Andrew Morton's book, and her Prince's with Jonathan Dimbleby's Camilla question. I do not believe they do it cynically: I hear in them an echo of the same baffled attempt that we all make to pin down what makes marriage sink or swim. For every wedding is a huge risk, and modern liberties have not changed the fact that every divorce brings abject, even if secret, humiliation to both sides. No amount of psychobabble makes it any easier to see in from outside, or to predict success or failure.

Scientifically, carefully, in 1837 the bachelor Charles Darwin made pencil notes on whether or not to marry. In favour he wrote: "Children — (if it please God) — constant companion, (friend in old age) who will feel interested in one, object to be beloved and played with — better than a dog anyhow — Home . . . Charms of music and female chit-chat. These things good for one's health. Forced to visit and receive relations, but terrible loss of time". Against, he jotted: "Freedom to go where one liked — Choice of Society and little of it. Conversation of clever men at clubs — not forced to visit relatives and to bend in every trifle — to have the expense and anxiety of children — perhaps quarrelling . . ."

Finally, he came down in favour, with: "Eheu! I never should know French — or see the Continent — or go to America, or go up in a Balloon, or take solitary trip in Wales . . . Never mind my boy, Cheer up — one cannot live this solitary life, with groggy old age, friendless and cold and childless, staring one in one's face, already beginning to wrinkle. Never mind, trust to chance — keep a sharp look-out — there is many a happy slave —"

That was all he could see of marriage from outside, and he made a better try than most. Two years later he married Emma Wedgwood. They had nine children, and wrote most loving, affecting letters to each other when they lost one. What is more, despite the lack of "conversation with clever men at clubs" (clearly a much overrated asset to intellectual life), Darwin's best work was still ahead of him.

He made it. We all want to. Which is why we look so closely, so impertinently, at the poor devils who don't.

Is Kohl up to the mark?

Roger Boyes says the grand scheme is over

Chancellor Kohl has kept power for 13 years with an astute combination of pragmatic politics and Bonapartist planning. Now his team is studying the year 1998 and beating its brains: there is a general election to be won then, perhaps the Chancellor's last. European monetary union will then be entering its most critical stage. The two goals seem increasingly to be in conflict.

Herr Kohl sees trouble ahead. "The populists are peeking out of every corner," he told his kitchen cabinet the other day. That may sound a little rich from a leader who has been riding populist waves as diverse as the Green campaign against the Brent Spar oil platform, and the Bavarian crusade for compulsory crucifixes in schools. But if nothing else he understands the force of public opinion.

He may win the election by the sheer power of his personality and with the help of his well-oiled vote-winning machine — and he may ask the Germans to trust his judgment on the single currency. But over the past fortnight he has realised that the personal gamble is more complex. The emotional decision to abandon the mark might not only elbow the Christian Democrats out of power, but split the party itself. Herr Kohl, who listens closely to provincial party organisations, knows the danger: on an issue as important as the mark, the Christian Democrats could splinter and collapse in the manner of their Italian namesakes.

Under the leaden leadership of Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrats have not diverged from the Bonn consensus on the need to stick to Maastricht criteria and timetable. But Herr Scharping's days are numbered and his most likely replacement, Gerhard Schröder, is presenting an alternative. "Monetary union without England and Italy is uninteresting," he said recently; nobody in Germany has the authority "to sacrifice the D-mark on the European altar". Many Christian Democrats privately agree.

So Herr Kohl seems ready to postpone monetary union, with all the attendant risks for his cherished dream of integration, in order not only to stay in power but to keep his party intact. His promise to step down in 1998, after the election, has been quietly forgotten.

The change of mood in the Chancery is in large part due to the Bundesbank. The propaganda blitz from Frankfurt has persuaded even the dimmest party manager that the campaign to save the mark will not be confined to some far-right fringe parties. The Bundesbank directors are improbable heroes, but their present popularity is based on the assumption that the bank will not give in to political bullying. The bank's instinct for self-preservation and the ordinary German's strong distaste for surrendering the mark make a formidable political coalition. The most sober of organisations is becoming the standard-bearer of what Helmut Schmidt last week called "DM nationalism".

Politicians have, of course, overridden the Bundesbank in the past. The Chancellor and the Bundesbank engaged in a long battle over German monetary union in 1990. Herr Kohl won. Helmut Schmidt also clashed with the bank governors over his plans for the European monetary system. He battered the directors into submission with the long speech about the legacy of Auschwitz and Germany's future in Europe.

The Bundesbank's constitution is confused. It is independent of government, yet it must be loyal to the general economic guidelines pursued by government. So conflict is built in to the relationship, and the will of politicians is frequently decisive.

This row, however, is different. The Bundesbank is now fighting for survival. And the arguments are more finely balanced than ever before. The surrender of the mark and the acceptance of an inflationary European economy seems more damaging to bankers, business and the public, than the risk that France and Germany will drift apart unless they are trussed together in the fraying rope of a single currency. The Bundesbank knows it cannot risk open war with Helmut Kohl. It does not have an encouraging scorecard in such contests. So it is resorting to guerrilla tactics, pretending to support the broad goal of EMU while simultaneously making it impossible.

In 1991, a Bundesbank director remarked: "For a long period we said that nothing will come of EMU. We have the better monetary policies. Why should we take over a worse currency? Then we saw that if we remained on the sidelines, we would be confronted with difficulties. So we decided to advance to the head of the movement, with the aim of making the Bundesbank position clear at a European level."

That policy has not changed. At the weekend a Bundesbank economist suggested, only half in jest, that the best all-round solution would be if Germany itself failed to meet the convergence criteria, perhaps by letting inflation slip upwards. Has it come to that? The grand European vision is slipping away.

Defectress

A CONFIDENTIAL list of approved after-dinner speakers being circulated to Conservative Party associations by Central Office contains a woman who made a high-profile defection last year to the Labour Party.

Joyce Sampson, a former civil servant in the health service, was a prominent member of the Conservative Party for 12 years and was on the candidates' list for Westminster. But during last year's Labour conference, she joined John Prescott on a platform to announce that she had defected because the Tory party was "dying".

Yesterday, Central Office was limiting the damage. "It's a clerical error. We have sent round a correction," said an official. "I think most people would realise there has been a mistake."

Labour, on the other hand, was revelling in the confusion. "I'm sure she would make a very good speaker at Conservative association events. They would love to hear what she has to say."

Certainly, her views would do little to reassure those who fear that the party is less than open-minded about its candidates. Although twice shortlisted for Commons seats, Sampson was never selected, and said she had "hit the glass ceiling" of the Conservative Party. "I had come up against a lack of progress which probably was because of my gender or race, or both."

● *At the party to launch the Disney Channel at Alexandra Palace on Sunday night, everyone was happy so long as people didn't get too carried away. A tot covered in facepaint spotted Minnie Mouse and rushed to hug her. "Watch out, Minnie!" yelled a horrified Disney corporate type. "You'll get your costume dirty."*



"Why have we no one on the left wing?"

Backing out

DOES Steven Norris, who is stepping down from his job as transport minister and MP, need to spend more time with his cars? Just the other day he pranged his Jag.

"I'm afraid it was entirely self-inflicted," he admits breezily. "But I was not on the public road. I was reversing out of a drive and managed to have an argument with a concrete post — which I lost."

But he stresses that there will be no special deals, despite his record of making — and then losing — a fortune selling cars. "My role as a motor-trade maestro has been much exaggerated. I will get it dealt with like anyone else."

● *Perhaps Norris should have a quiet word with Labour's employment spokesman, Harriet Harman. As she negotiated a tight parking space on her arrival in Brighton, she gently nudged the Labour Party van parked in front and then backed, equally gently, into the car behind. All the vehicles were unscathed.*

Shampoo set

THE scholars of All Souls College, Oxford, are not generally noted for their fashion sense. But now one of its fellows has received an award for beautiful hair. Robert Smith, who became a prize fellow in 1990, is widely regarded as one of the most promising young English dons around. "He is one of the few people this side of the Channel who understands Derrida," says a fellow fellow.

But encouraged by the wife of a colleague, "Dreamboat" — as he is known in the college — was runner-up in the *Organics and Hair Magazine* beautiful hair awards at the Waldorf Hotel last week. He is modest about his success. "I now have enough hair conditioner in my bathroom to sink a battleship," he says.



Cantona's co-star, Sabine

Players only

AMONG those cheering the return of Eric Cantona at Old Trafford on Sunday were new friends from the movie world. During his exile for tackling a fan, he took a part in a French film, *Le Bonheur est dans le pré* ("Happiness is in the field"), in which he plays a rugby player. Apparently a new career beckons. "He was lovely, gentle and kind and elegant," gushed his co-star Sabine Azuma after the match. "He proved himself a very good actor. He could certainly be a great actor in France."

Cantona is not the lead player. "He plays a primitive rugby type, but it's a lovable role," said producer Charles Gassot. "He was calm, patient and always on time. With good looks and charisma — a film star."

Muscling in

LAUREN BACALL's character in *The Visit*, at the Chichester Festival Theatre, gets to fondle the brawny, if unnamed "Athlete". For her, they supply the real thing.

Ross O' Hennessy, a 21-year-old from South Wales, has represented his country in various running events and the discus, played rugby for Wigan and scaled K2 before going to drama school, to the disgust of his family.

"It has been very exciting working with Lauren. We have certain scenes when she comes up and says what big muscles I've got, and I get to flex them." Members of the company are trying to decide who has been enjoying these tender moments the most.

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ULSTER'S MODERNISER

Trimble gives hope to the peace process

When David Trimble was elected leader of the Ulster Unionist Party last month, few expected him to act as he has in recent weeks. The surprise victory of the 50-year-old MP for Upper Bann over the favourite John Taylor was widely interpreted as a setback for the Anglo-Irish peace process, an indication that the Unionist community was retreating into its shell.

Yesterday, however, Mr Trimble became the first Unionist leader to meet the Irish Prime Minister in Dublin since Terence O'Neill thirty years ago. John Bruton, the Taoiseach, welcomed the talks as "very constructive", while Mr Trimble hailed the "new line of communication" which has been opened between Unionists and the South. The latter continues to confound naysayers who were expecting an implacable hardliner intent on wrecking the achievements of the last 18 months. The signs, indeed, are that Mr Trimble is one of the best hopes the peace process has.

His visit to Dublin was aptly timed. The cancellation of last month's Anglo-Irish summit was a blow to plans for the decommissioning of IRA weapons. Dick Spring, the Foreign Minister, has wobbled alarmingly on this issue, having previously been sound on the need to begin the disarmament process before the paramilitaries' representatives can join all-party talks. The IRA has declared itself utterly intransigent on this point. Mr Trimble made clear to the Irish Government yesterday that the disarmament issue will not go away. But, by talking to the Taoiseach on home turf, he also signalled that the Unionist community is open to suggestion and committed to debate.

Beyond his obvious cleverness, the Unionist leader has more to offer these complex negotiations than was first suspected. His political roots in the hardline Vanguard movement of the 1970s and membership of the Orange Order have been seen by some as a disadvantage. In fact, the opposite is true. Mr Trimble's support at the grass roots is as strong as it is in the political elite. The British and Irish Governments can be sure that what he agrees to will be accepted by the Unionist community. Sadly, this could not have been said of his predecessor, James Molyneaux.

To his credit, Mr Trimble is also committed to modernising his party and moderating its sectarian image. Like many sensible Unionists, he would like to see its connections with the Orange Order altered. The role of the party he leads should be to promote Britishness rather than a narrowly religious definition of nationality. Put crudely, Mr Trimble should make it possible for Roman Catholics to vote for the preservation of the Union without voting Orange.

Finally, the new leader has shown himself to be commendably open-minded. He is a true pragmatist in the sense that he wishes to advance the interests of his constituency as far as practical politics will allow. Unlike Mr Molyneaux, he appears to realise that the historic affinities between the Tory party and Ulster Unionism are all but extinct. Today's Unionist leader must look further abroad and forge understandings where he can. He cannot rely on the old affinities which sustained his predecessors.

One of the first things Mr Trimble did after his election was to hold informal talks with Proinsias de Rossa, the Irish minister and former IRA member. He has expressed a willingness to debate with Sinn Fein members across the floor of a new elected assembly before disarmament has begun. This is unlikely to happen. But it signals to the republican movement that change is possible if Sinn Fein-IRA is ready to be flexible. The Unionist community is rightly fed up of being presented as the obstacle to peace. Now its new leader has seized the initiative and transformed his party's public relations. Gerry Adams may finally have met his match.

THE MIST LIFTS IN BRIGHTON

Labour's policies have now begun to take some shape

Gradually the contours of Labour's policies are beginning to emerge. Like mountains appearing out of the mist, the pledges are being unveiled by the leadership. Yesterday, at the party conference, it was the turn of Gordon Brown to make his first spending commitment: a £1 billion programme to help the young and the long-term unemployed back to work, financed by a windfall tax on the utility companies. As election promises go, this is modest. The amount of money is small; a tiny proportion of the revenue Labour could expect to raise from taxing the utilities. Unlike the pledges before the last election to raise child benefit and pensions, this is carefully targeted. Only some of the unemployed will be helped, and the cost will be borne partly by the private sector.

But this promise, to be joined by others from Tony Blair today, will start to change the dynamics of British politics, both inside and outside the Labour Party. Mr Blair's strategy has always been threefold: first, discredit the Conservatives; secondly, tear Labour away from its bad old habits; and only then tell the public and the party what "new" Labour will offer instead. The third stage began yesterday.

The leadership is well aware of the importance of pacing. At the last general election, Labour was saddled with pledges on child benefit and pensions that had been made two years previously. Not only had they lost their capacity to excite the electorate; they also forced John Smith to propose highly unpopular tax increases to pay for them. By 1992, Labour was facing a Conservative Party with a new leader and new priorities. Neil Kinnock had to fight it on tired old policies.

But while the absence of policies this time may have allowed Mr Blair to concentrate on reforming the party, it also contributed to party malaise. On the economy in particular, it allowed the Left to complain that Mr Brown was a "do-nothing" Shadow Chancellor or, worse, a "me-too" man who would simply ape the Tories. When Mr Brown was conducting the second stage of the strategy — reassuring the City and the electorate that Labour would be tough on inflation and borrowing and would not tax for its own sake — this charge had some force. Now, however, he has at least set out some concrete proposals that differentiate his party a little from the Conservatives.

However, these policies will now have to be defended, both against the Left and the Tories. For two years, Labour has had the luxury of watching the governing party fight among itself; and Conservatives have had to live with the frustration of not having an opposition target at which they could aim. During the next 18 months, as Labour's policies slowly take shape, they can be criticised by the Left for being too modest, and costed by the Right as too expensive. Politics will shift up a gear.

Internal criticism, though, may remain relatively muted. Yesterday's decision to remit a motion calling for a £4.15 an hour minimum wage was a real sign of a new responsibility. The argument that carried most weight was that, if the motion were put to the vote and passed, it would make Labour look divided and give the Tories ammunition. That such an argument now carries weight with the Left is an extraordinary transformation. There may still be many delegates unhappy with Mr Blair's leadership style. But there is no doubt that his strictures are sinking in. A new discipline is apparent in the Labour Party, a far cry from the "emotional spasms" of the past. It is the discipline of a party that understands what is needed to have a chance of winning power.

IS ABACHA JOKING?

Nigerian democracy, it seems, must wait for three more years

General Sani Abacha, the military strongman who continues to deny presidential office to the man who won Nigeria's elections over two years ago, has announced a timetable for a return to democracy. With striking irony, his thoughts were broadcast to the nation on the anniversary of its independence from Britain. The army's "disengagement" from government, to use the General's own intriguing vocabulary, will take place not this year, nor the next — nor even in 1997 — but on October 1, 1998.

And what does the General propose to do in the next three years? Before fresh presidential elections in September 1998, he will — in chronological sequence — approve a "draft" constitution, create a "federal character commission" and a "national reconciliation committee", begin a process of political party registration, produce an "authentic" voters' register, and hold elections to local government councils and state assemblies (after candidates have been "screened and approved"). Yet Nigerians, inured by now to unyielding rule by men in uniform, will not be taken in by any of this: the trappings of elaborate detail do not make a charade respectable.

In the course of Sunday's broadcast, General Abacha also deigned to commute the sentences for "plotting to overthrow the Government" — imposed in July by a secret tribunal which abided by no civilised judicial norms — on the opposition statesmen Olusegun Obasanjo and Shehu Musa Yar'Adua. Considering that the General has never acknowledged that the two men were ever sentenced to punishment, his announcement of a commutation is but a corrupt paradox.

Yet Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, was minded yesterday to "hope" that that this revision of secret sentence "signals an initiative to create a more human rights-conscious environment in the country". The Chief compounded his miscalculation by stating that there was "no basis", as yet, for excluding Nigeria from the forthcoming Commonwealth heads of government summit in New Zealand.

Chief Anyaoku is wrong. There is every reason to exclude General Abacha and his functionaries from November's summit. Moshood Abiola, the presumptive winner of the elections annulled by General Abacha's uniformed predecessor, languishes under lock and key still — and the General's three-year "disengagement" plan ignores contemptuously the fact of that election. Imprisoned, too, are the people of Nigeria: neither Britain, nor the Commonwealth, can ignore their situation. General Abacha is not welcome, anywhere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Europe's ruling on 'Rock' deaths

From Mr Richard Gordon, QC, and Mr Richard Wilmot-Smith, QC

Sir, The Government's expression of "incredulity" at the European Court of Human Rights "Death on the Rock" verdict may, as your editorial of September 28 suggests, elicit sympathy from many people. It is, nonetheless, one of the strongest arguments for incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into national law (Lord Lester of Herne Hill's letter, September 29).

When the ITV documentary *Death on the Rock* was transmitted in 1988 it was challenged by the then Prime Minister as constituting "trial by television". The unspoken implication was that we should await trial by a court before firing accusatory salvoes.

Now there has been a judicial trial. But the court is, necessarily, international rather than national because (it being no part of our domestic law) United Kingdom judges are prevented from giving rulings on the European Convention.

The political tensions generated by adverse rulings of the European Court of Human Rights are understandable, even predictable. They would, however, be containable if the Convention were incorporated or if we had a national Bill of Rights with a constitutional court on the American Supreme Court model.

If, instead of the European court, a UK constitutional court had handed down the same judgment on the Gibraltar killings the Government would be most unlikely to have considered reviewing the existence of the court. For to do so would, rightly, be regarded as breaching the separation of powers intrinsic to our constitution.

The implicit threat by ministers to review this country's adherence to the European Convention is sinister precisely because there is, currently, no domestic institutional guardian of human rights. That, ultimately, is why the European Convention must be incorporated.

Yours faithfully,
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October 2.

From Mr David Cook

Sir, In his letter supporting the European court and the essential tenets which underpin it, Lord Lester quotes from the "great Conservative Home Secretary ... and European statesman" David Maxwell Fyfe, later Lord Kilmuir.

Given that the European court's decision concerned the "right to life", it is perhaps ironic that Maxwell Fyfe is quoted in this context, as the most famous decision of his tenure as Home Secretary was to refuse to reprieve Derek Bentley from the gallows — indisputably a man wrongly deprived of the fundamental right to life by the British Government.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOK,
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October 1.

From Mr Richard Parsonson

Sir, Had the three IRA terrorists succeeded in murdering whomever they intended to in Gibraltar, would the relatives of the victims have had a case against the Government in the European Court of Human Rights under the "right to life" article because it had not authorised the SAS to shoot the terrorists on sight?

Yours faithfully,
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October 1.

From Mr Vincent Hale

Sir, The recent decision of the European court has caused a furore but it is only an extension of English domestic law which virtually requires a householder to wait until an intruder draws blood from him or his family before responding and which allows the householder to be sued if a hair of the intruder's head is hurt.

Yours faithfully,
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All in a twist

From Mr M. Diddams

Sir, I would like to bring to your attention the sadistic tactics increasingly being employed by clothing manufacturers, namely the placement of labels on garments. I am totally dependent on the label being attached to the rear of any article of clothing to ensure that I wear it correctly; but it is becoming increasingly common for the label to be found elsewhere on the garment.

This is causing me much discomfort and embarrassment, especially where certain articles of underwear are concerned.

Yours faithfully,
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Sound advice for homebuyers

From the Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders

Sir, Libby Purves ("Home, soured home", September 26) states that the UK "should never ever have got into home-ownership on such a scale. The rest of Europe hasn't".

In fact the UK is typical of European Union countries in terms of the proportion of homes that are owner-occupied. The latest available figures on the 12 countries that were members of the EU in 1990 show owner-occupation as follows (figures in brackets indicate percentages): Ireland (81), Spain (78), Greece (77), Italy (67), Luxembourg (67), Portugal (67), UK (67), Belgium (65), France (54), Denmark (52), Holland (45), (West) Germany (38).

Furthermore, the level of owner-occupation is not out of line with other similar countries outside Europe. Latest available percentages show the United States of America (64), Canada (63), New Zealand (74), Japan (61), and Australia (72).

Yours faithfully,
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October 2.

From Mr Francis Howcutt

Sir, An increase in mortgage interest tax relief, as suggested by John Redwood, MP (article, September 22), would not be an efficient way to lubricate the housing market. Most of the benefit would go to people who have no plans to move home in the foreseeable future.

In contrast, abolition of stamp duty on the purchase of housing for owner-occupation would reduce the overheads of most transactions. At the very least, stamp duty should apply only to the part of the purchase price which exceeds the £60,000 threshold — a reform of the present rules under which duty is charged on the entire purchase price if a transaction is not exempt.

Yours etc,
FRANCIS HOWCUTT,
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From Mr Malcolm Jones

Sir, Reading Libby Purves brought home again the importance of realising that you cannot get good advice for nothing. Banks who claimed to be advisers and started calling their customers "clients" are now being called to account for the advice given. Questions have been raised over the suitability of endowment policies to pay off mortgages. And now, it seems you may not be wise to trust the advice of some estate agents about the value of your home because of the possibility of some hidden motive.

Banks, insurance brokers and estate agents sell their products and there's nothing wrong with that. But when did a car salesman ever tell you that you would be better off walking or taking the bus?

If you don't pay for the advice, it's not independent. Even those advisers who describe themselves as independent are like shopkeepers who stock products from more than one supplier. They may advise you as to which of their products would be best for you but they will not tell you that you really don't need any of them at all.

Consult your (really) independent adviser first.

Yours faithfully,
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Waiving parliamentary privilege

From Mr John Roney

Sir, You report (Law, September 19) that MPs are to be asked to vote, on a petition by Mr Neil Hamilton, MP, and Mr Ian Greer, on whether to waive their parliamentary privilege, so that courts can hear evidence about parliamentary proceedings.

In 1976 I acted for Laker Airways Ltd in its successful action against the Department of Trade in the matter of the Skytrain licence. The hearing was fixed to take place on Monday, May 24, and it was intended to refer in some depth to the debates in the House of Commons and in the House of Lords.

On the previous Thursday afternoon I was telephoned by the Treasury Solicitor and advised that no reference could be made to the debates unless the consent of the two Houses was first obtained. After making various telephone calls to the Clerk's office and reading a copy of Erskine May on parliamentary procedures, I discovered that the only means of obtaining such consent was by separate petition to each House.

The House of Lords, that archaic institution, considered it quite unnecessary to present a petition or to obtain consent and was quite happy for the debates to be referred to in court as fully as we wished.

The House of Commons, that modern institution, not only required a petition consented to by the whole House, but for this petition to be handwritten in copperplate on parchment. I still have this hanging on my wall behind me as I write.

First, I had to find a sponsor for my petition, and did this by standing outside the Commons dining room on Thursday night. The following morning the petition was presented to a committee of the whole House and would have failed if any MP had voted against it.

Fortunately none did, and I was then empowered to require the Editor of *Hansard* to attend court the following Monday and admit the reports in evidence. Neither he nor the court had ever met with this situation before and the whole thing was a complete farce; but the House of Commons was very strict in its requirements.

I believe that the mechanism is already in place, therefore, to enable Mr Greer and Mr Hamilton to obtain the necesssary consent of the House of Commons and to proceed with their action.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. B. RONEY,
Lee & Pembertons,
45 Pont Street, SW1.
September 20.

London squares

From Mr Roger Phillips

Sir, The editors of *The Good Gardens Guide* (letter, September 21) are under the impression that this society has applied to the National Lottery Fund for a grant. This is not the case.

It is true that we have a plan to bring *all* London squares up to a high standard for the millennium, with a view to having a series of open days across the city, so that more people can enjoy one of the great delights of London, but we do not intend to ask for lottery funds for this purpose.

Of the 460-plus London squares more than 300 are run by local boroughs and are open to the public. The rest are communal gardens, run by and for the local residents. Eccleston Square (2.9 acres) caters for some 700.

Most residential squares are happy to finance their own improvements. The squares that might need a small injection of outside cash to bring them up to a high level of maintenance are the open, council-run squares of the boroughs strapped for cash.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER PHILLIPS
(Chairman),
The Society for the Protection of London Squares,
15a Eccleston Square, SW1.

Playing fair

From Mr David E. Radcliffe

Sir, Amid the euphoria of the Eurotriumph in the Ryder Cup, may I request a public apology to the fair city of Rochester, NY?

Today's editorial slight, "the dim New York suburb", sits awkwardly with your supplement of just one week ago, in which Rochester was described as a place "where the noise and snarl associated with Manhattan appears half a world away" and "a town of style, grace and intelligence".

Yours sincerely,
DAVID E. RADCLIFFE,
47 Salford Road,
Southport, Merseyside.
September 25.

Britain and the US

From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, Vernon Bogdanor (letter, September 29) criticises Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Redwood for recent statements favouring a looser British connection with the European Union and a "reconstruction" of the relationship with the United States. The historical record shows that the United States has favoured European unity in rhetoric far more than reality, and that in the instances when "Europe" has endeavoured to assert itself, from the Yom Kippur War to the Bosnian disaster, the United States has not been favourably impressed. British reluctance to pretend otherwise is sensible, not illusory.

The special relationship, based on deeply shared values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law, remains more important than ever in an unstable and chaotic post-Cold War world. To the substantial degree that Britain's interests are also United States interests it is vital that it be reinvigorated and perpetuated.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT McGEEHAN
(Assistant Director),
Institute of United States Studies,
University of London,
Senate House, Malet Street, WC1.

Hong Kong apology?

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir, Amongst all the letters you publish today about whether or not Hong Kong citizens who wish to flee communism should be allowed to settle in Britain, it would have been good to see one from Hong Kong apologising for the way in which Vietnamese boat people seeking refuge from communism were carried kicking and screaming onto aircraft and handed back to the communist authorities in their place of origin.

Yours faithfully,
OSMAN STREATER,
Savile Club,
69 Brook Street, W1.
September 28.

Positive aspects of the Internet

From Mr Andrew Scadding

Sir, "I do not understand what cyberspace is, nor do I understand what the Internet is or does" writes Bernard Levin (September 21). By this ingenuous device, he invites us to believe that he, who has so successfully devoted his life to the printed and published word, is incapable of discriminating between the messenger and the message.

The Internet, like a book, consists largely of text and pictures. Like a book it has no innate capacity for good or evil, it is a tool: no more, no less. Good or evil attaches to the use to which the tool is put. The net is extensively used by charities, churches, teachers and doctors to further their desirable ends. That bomb-makers, Nazis and pornographers also employ the Internet is no more significant than that they exchange messages by post or publish underground magazines: media which will continue to be available to them even if they are denied access to the net.

In the sense that the net is transnational, it cannot be subjected to the laws of any one country any more than can the international bankers, as Mr Levin observes. But Chinese students used fax machines to report on the aftermath of Tiananmen Square; Western correspondents used satellite phones to report the bombing of Baghdad and the shelling of Sarajevo. The net is only one of a number of rapidly developing technologies which ignore national boundaries.

Like them, the net cannot now be uninvented: like them, it may take time for society to adapt to it, to learn to use it wisely, to change laws and to adjust concepts of exclusive national local control appropriately. Individuals will probably continue to abuse the privilege of the net, as individuals continue to abuse the privilege of the car and the printed word. But the interests of the many who use the Internet intelligently must prevail and will not be sacrificed in an attempt to deny the net to a tiny minority of abusers.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SCADDING,
Danum House,
Ednaston, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
September 23.

Crime statistics

From Ms Julie Flint

Sir, Although any drop in crime is to be welcomed (report and article, September 28), it is a sad fact that the fear of crime, so damaging to the quality of everyday life, is increasing all the time.

A MORI poll conducted for next Wednesday's *Frontline* programme on Channel 4 shows that 85 per cent of us think we are more likely to be victims of violent crime than we were ten years ago. The reality is that those who worry most about being violently assaulted by strangers, such as women and the elderly, are at considerably less risk of being attacked than young men, who worry least. Fear is not just a consequence of crime; fear itself leads to crime by emptying our streets and weakening our social ties.

May I suggest the Home Secretary places less emphasis on crime statistics and devotes more resources to reducing the fear of crime?

Yours sincerely,
JULIE FLINT (reporter, *Frontline*),
October Films Ltd,
63-64 Camden Lock Place,
West Yard, Chalk Farm Road, NW1.
September 28.

Pick of the bunch

From Mr Alan Moss

Sir, Forget sliced bread (letters, September 24, 27). Never mind the dishwashers, cordless hedge-trimmers, remote-controlled car immobilisers. As far as I am concerned, any brilliant new idea or invention can only be hailed as the best thing since instant-lighting barbecue charcoal.

Yours truly,
ALAN MOSS,
Heath House, 11 Lyonsdown Road,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Philip J. Hall

Sir, The supreme inventions of mankind are, as is universally recognised, the vacuum flask and the umbrella. Other views are decidedly eccentric.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. HALL,
7 Winton Close, Montpelier Crescent,
Wallasey, Merseyside.

From Mr Hilary Eve

Sir, My drives off the tee have been called "the nearest thing in golf to sliced bread". To me, the phrase is all too contemporary to need renewing.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. EVE,
Cutmill Cottage, Cutmill,
Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.

Measure for measure

From Mr Gerry Hanson

Sir, Surely in the garden the new EU legislation applies only to inch-worms (letters, September 30 and October 2)?

Yours truly,
GERRY HANSON,
Potters Lodge, 74a Slough Road,
Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.
October 2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 2: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Duke of Grafton KG at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Earl Waldegrave KG which was held in Wells Cathedral this afternoon.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl Peel.

The Princess Royal was represented by Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Marcus Barnett.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Permanent Lord in Waiting) at the Funeral of the Reverend Canon James Mansel (Extra Chaplain to The Queen and formerly Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) which was held in The Queen's Chapel, St James's Palace, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Funeral of the Reverend Canon James Mansel which took place in The Queen's Chapel, St James's Palace, this afternoon.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 2: The Prince of Wales this morning received Omani Government Ministers at Bait al Baraka Palace, Muscat.

His Royal Highness later called upon the Minister of Justice and the Grand Mufti.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a Reception at the British Ambassador's Residence for the British community and presented scholarships to young Omanis who have studied in Great Britain.

His Royal Highness later attended a display by the Red Arrows, the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, at Seeb Airport.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a State Banquet given by His Highness Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab Al Said at Al Bustan Hotel.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Bradford, 48; Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, 71; Mr Christopher Bruce, ballet dancer and choreographer, 50; Lord Denham, 68; Mr R.W. Ellis, former Master, Marlborough College, 66; Sir Terence English, Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 63; Mr Garry Herbert, rower, 31; Sir Roger Hervey, diplomat, 61; Dame Pamela Hunter, former vice-president, National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, 76; Lord Knights, 75; Mr Ray Lindwall, cricketer, 74; Mr T.D. Melville-Ross, Director-General, Institute of Directors, 51; Mr William Newton Dunn, MEP, 54; Earl Peel, 48; Mr Ruggero Raimondi, bass-baritone, 54; Sir Shridath Ramphal, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, 67; Mr John Ritblat, chairman, British Land Company, 60 Viscount Sidmouth, 81; Sir John Stow, former Governor-General, Barbados, 84; Mr John Suthern, jockey, 44; Mr Gore Vidal, author, 70; Judge Monique Viner, QC, 69; Mr Reg Withers, former Governor, Brixton prison, 64.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Eleanora Duse, actress, Vigevano, Austria, 1858; Pierre Bonnard, painter, Fontenay-aux-Rises, 1867; Louis Aragon, writer, Paris, 1897; Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Ashville, North Carolina, 1900; Eddie Cochran, singer, Oklahoma City, 1938.
DEATHS: St Francis of Assisi, 1226; William Morris, poet, printer and socialist, London, 1896; Gustave Stresemann, German Chancellor 1923 and 1924, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Berlin, 1929; Sir Arnold Max, Master of the King's Musick 1941-53, Cork, 1953; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, London, 1967; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, New York, 1967; Jean Anouilh, dramatist, Lausanne, 1987; Sir Peter Medawar, medical scientist, Nobel laureate 1960, London, 1987; Sir Alec Issigonis, designer of the Mini car, Birmingham, 1988.
SOS became the international distress signal replacing the call sign CDQ, 1906.
The aerosol was patented, 1941
The first British atomic bomb was tested at the Monte Bello islands off the northwest coast of Australia, 1952.
Post codes were introduced into Britain, 1959.

Today's royal engagements

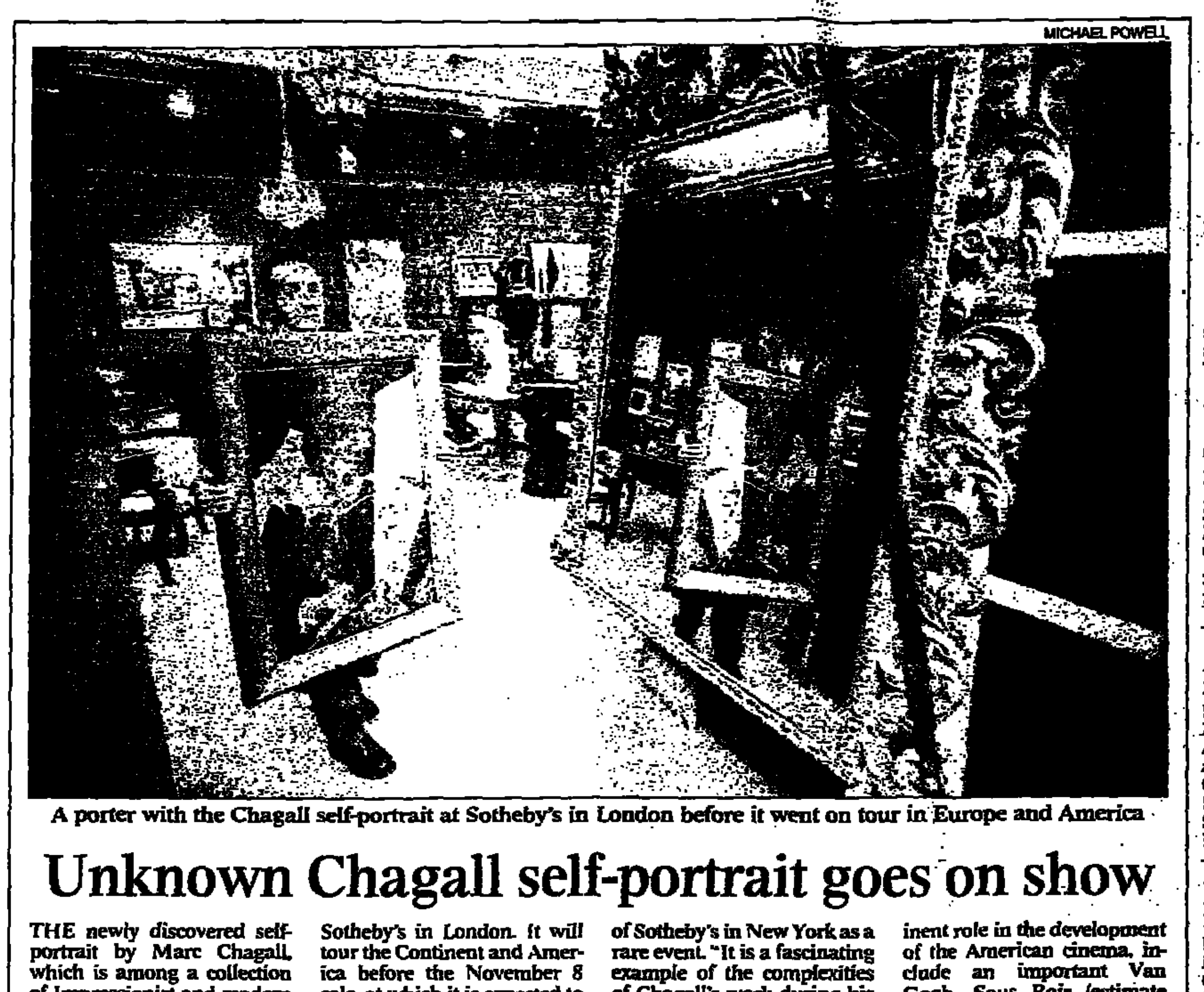
Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will open the society's Colchester Child Protection project, at 66 The High Street, Colchester, at 11.35; and will attend a service of thanksgiving and dedication in Chelmsford Cathedral at 2.40 to mark the conclusion of the Cathedral appeal, the building of the choir organ and the establishment of the Choral Foundation.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as president, will visit the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey, at 2.00; and, as Patron of the Royal Surgical Aid Society, will open the Bradbury Centre, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, at 3.40.

School news

St Anne's School, Windermere
The new School year began on Monday, September 4. Alexandra Sowerby is Head of School. A-level and GCSE results were excellent. Last year's Head Girl, Elia Fletcher, will be going up to Queen's College, Cambridge. Claire Booth won a Choral Scholarship to Trinity College, Oxford. The new Day Nursery has opened and is full. The Stannite Association Committee meet on Saturday, October 7 and the Friends of St Anne's on Monday, November 6. The School production of Half a Sixpence will take place on December 2, 4, 5 and 6. The Christmas Bazaar, in aid of St Mary's Hospice, is on Saturday, December 2. Term ends with the Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 3pm on Friday, December 8. Open Day will be held on Friday, October 20. The special day for prospective Sixth Formers is on Friday, November 17.

Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset
At the celebratory luncheon held on Saturday, September 23, at the Yeovil Court Hotel, Yeovil, in honour of Mrs Cosmo Rawlins, FSA, Committee member 1933 to 1995, Chairman 1962 to 1990, Mr Roger Peers, FSA, presided. Those present included:
Sir Mervyn Medlycott, Bt, Dr John Pafford, FSA, and Mrs Pafford, Mrs Leonard Hayward, Dr John Harvey, FSA, Mr Derek Shorrocks, FSA, Somerset Editor, Dr Glanville J. Davies, FSA, and Mr Michael McGarvie, FSA, Secretary and Treasurer.


MICHAEL POWELL
A porter with the Chagall self-portrait at Sotheby's in London before it went on tour in Europe and America

Unknown Chagall self-portrait goes on show

THE newly discovered self-portrait by Marc Chagall, which is among a collection of Impressionist and modern art to be sold in New York, has gone on display.

The work, *Self-Portrait with Palette*, dates from 1917 and has been exhibited at Sotheby's in London. It will tour the Continent and America before the November 8 sale, at which it is expected to fetch £3 million.

The discovery of the painting, which was previously unknown to scholars, was described by Alexander Apsis of Sotheby's in New York as a rare event. "It is a fascinating example of the complexities of Chagall's work during his second Russian period."

Other works in the New York sale, from the estate of Joseph H Hazen, the film producer who played a prominent role in the development of the American cinema, include an important Van Gogh, *Sous Bois* (estimate $10 million), and four works by Picasso. Along with the Chagall, they will be seen in Zurich, Paris, Los Angeles and New York.

Memorial services

Earl Waldegrave, KG
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Duke of Grafton, KG, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Earl Waldegrave, KG, held yesterday in Wells Cathedral. The Prince of Wales was represented by Earl Peel, the Princess Royal by Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain Marcus Barnett.

The Dean officiated and Canon Geoffrey Walker, Treasurer, led the prayers. Lady Sarah Wright, daughter, and Earl Waldegrave, son, read the lessons. The Dean of Windsor gave an address. The Bishop of Bath and Wells pronounced the blessing. The Rev Andrew Rowe was robed and in the Sanctuary. The Lord Lieutenant of Avon and Somerset and the Mayor of Wells attended.

Major Aubrey Davidson-Houston
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Aubrey Claud Davidson-Houston, portrait painter, was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk. The Rev Peter Elvy officiated. Mr Anthony Slesser read the lesson and Sir Richard Butler read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mrs Sarah Arragon, daughter, Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Davidson-Houston and Dr Ian Tregarthen Jenkin gave addresses. Among others present:

Mr Jacques Arragon, son-in-law, Mr Tomek Arragon and Mr Krzysiek Arragon, grandsons, Mrs V A Davidson-Houston, sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs R Offer, Mr and Mrs A Hayley Bell, Lady Butler, Major-General and Mrs R Keightley, Mrs Michael Cunningham, Mr Charles Cunningham, Mrs Michael Davidson-Houston, Mr Ronald Davidson-Houston, Mr Andrew Fleury.

Lady Ebbisham, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lady Lloyd of Kilgerran, Lord and Lady Milne, Lord and Lady Belhaven and Stenton, Lady Anne Seymour, the Hon Ivor Lucas, the Hon Mrs Edwards, Lady (William) Young, Sir William Goring, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Michael and Lady Harrison, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir John and Lady Harrison, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidy, Major John and the Hon Mrs Bowlby, Mr and Mrs J Kemp-Welch.

Mr and Mrs Allan Hughes, Mrs D B Jarvis, Mrs Audrey Surtees, Mrs J Brunt, Mr Richard Legge, Mr and Mrs Cholmondeley Clarke, Dr and Mrs Charles Darley, Mr and Mrs John Rutherford, Mr Jonathan Clarke, Major John Surtees, Mrs Gay Pumphrey, Mrs Georgina Agnew, Miss Laura Buxton, Mr and Mrs Nick Tarling, Miss Venetia Cooper, Mr and Mrs Frank Edwards, Mrs C J Raymond, Mr John Ainsworth, Major Linda Garter, Mr John Ritchie, Mr J Dixon, Mr Adrian Mallinson, Mrs Timothy Gooch, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Page, Mrs Rowland Escombe, Mrs Nigel Gallop.

Colonel D E C Russell (Royal Sussex Regiment), Mr Keith Ingram (Joint Educational Trust), Mr David Parnwell (representing the Warden and Governors of St Edward's School, Oxford), Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson (St Edward's School Society), Mrs A S Womersley (Dragon School, Oxford), and Mrs V Ratcliffe (Allington Court).

Miss Noel Dyson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Noel Dyson, actress, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Bill Hall, Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union, officiated. Mr Harry Judge, husband, read from the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, Mrs Willow Cracroft read *The Garden*, from Compton Mackenzie's *The Passionate Elopement*, and Mr John Warner read *The Village Schoolmaster* by Oliver Goldsmith. Miss Daphne Oxenford read *Friendship* by Kahlil Gibran and Mr Patrick Cargill read from the works of John Donne. Miss Barbara Lott, Actors' Benevolent Fund, paid tribute. Among those present:
Mr A.T. Dyson, Mrs Fiona J Weait, Mrs Linda J Pickering, Mr and Mrs Richard Waterhouse, Miss Emma Waterhouse, Miss Jessica Waterhouse, Mrs J Macpherson Green, Miss S Macpherson Green, Mrs Juliette Maclay, Mr N Allsworth, Mr and Mrs Michael Judge, Mr and Mrs David Judge, Mr and Mrs Robert Judge, Mr David Judge, Mrs Erica Kidd, Mrs Sally Dickens, Mrs G Allen, Mrs Julia Simpson, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Cracroft, Ms W Deane, Mr Michael Deane.

Miss Mary Tomblin, Mrs Jean Ayres, Mrs Joan Wildblood, Mr Richard A Batten, Mr William G Stewart, Mrs Janie Drew, Mr and Mrs Richard Letts, Miss Diana Tuke, Mr Bernie Ford, Mr Derek Brierley, Dr and Mrs Robin Sherwood, Miss Brenda Cowling, Mr David Marshall, Mr George Walker, Mrs Vera Ford, Mr A Hallum, Mrs Tony Eastwood, Mr and Mrs John Crocker, Mr and Mrs Michael White, Miss Retta Read, Mr John Hughes, Mr Sydney Halpern.

Miss Karen Nichols (The Theatrical Ladies' Guild), Mrs Roslyn Oliver (Royal Theatrical Fund), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Miss Ida Bromley (Saxonholme School, Birkdale), representatives of the 49th (West Riding) Reconnaisance Regiment and many other friends.

Mr David Kindersley
The Right Rev Lord Runcie officiated at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David Kindersley, stone carver, designer of alphabets and calligrapher, held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Sean Cathie gave the welcome. Mrs Peter Kindersley, daughter-in-law, read the lesson. Mr Peter Kindersley, son, read from the works of his father, a tribute written by his widow, Mrs Lida Lopes Cardozo, and a poem by his daughter, Miss Katie Kindersley. Mr Richard Kindersley, son, and Mr Hermann Zapf gave addresses.

Miss Katie Peacock, soprano, Mr Nicholas Toller, piano, and Miss Hannah Lang, flute, performed during the service.

The Hon Kenneth Lamb
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Hon Kenneth Lamb, CBE, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at 6pm on Thursday, November 23. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: Room 23, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by November 6. Tickets will be posted by November 14.

David Eversley
A meeting to commemorate and celebrate the life and work of David Eversley will be held in central London on Tuesday, October 31, 1995. All are welcome. Please contact Marion Eversley, telephone 01462 742631, fax 01462 743259 for fuller details.

Abdul Faridany
There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Abdul Faridany at St Michael's, Chester Square, on Friday, October 27, at noon.

Richard Fitzherbert-Brockholes
A memorial requiem mass will be said for Richard Fitzherbert-Brockholes in The Little Oratory at the Brompton Oratory, London, SW7, on Monday, October 30, at 6.00pm.

Professor A.W. Wilkinson
A thanksgiving service in celebration of the life of Professor Andrew Wood Wilkinson, CBE, consultant paediatric surgeon, will be held at the Church of St George The Martyr, Queen Square, London, WC1, at noon on Thursday, November 2, 1995. All are welcome.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a farewell luncheon given yesterday at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's Government for the Venezuelan Ambassador.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Leonard Harding, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was the speaker.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Simon Pott, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 12 Great George Street in honour of Mr David Curry, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Urban Regeneration.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Dr Anne Rodway, Member of the Ethics Committee, British Medical Association, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Receptions

HM Government
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was the host at a reception for "Preventing Crime Together" given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle.

Industrial Tribunals
Mr Geoffrey Heggs, Chairman of the London North region of the Industrial Tribunals, was the host at a reception held last night at Middle Temple Hall for members of the judiciary, chairmen and members of the region.

Service dinner

Duntisbourne Dragoon Guards
Mr Rory Clark presided at the Annual Dinner of the Duntisbourne Dragoon Guards, held at The Savoy Hotel on Saturday, September 30, 1995.

Dinner

The Athenaeum
Mr Peter Jonas was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at The Athenaeum. Dr Peter Meisner presided.

New officers

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
At a meeting of the College Council on Saturday, September 30, 1995, Mr John Richard Friend, Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth and Professor Robert Wayne Shaw, Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff were installed as Seior Vice President and Junior Vice President respectively.

Installation

French Ambassador
The French Ambassador presented Lady Soames, Sir Patrick Sheehy and Sir Kenneth James with the insignia of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur at receptions held recently at the French Residency.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for October was won with bond number 36RL 314975. The winner lives in Gloucestershire, and has a bond holding of £500.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.S.N. Ames and Miss T.R. Hart
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Ames, of Leigh, Surrey, and Tanya, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hart, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr J.M. Dewar and Miss C.L.B. McShane
The engagement is announced from Tokyo, Japan, between James Murray, son of Mr and Mrs D. Fraser Dewar, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, and Catherine Lucy Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil McShane, of Dedham, Essex.

Mr S. Fussell and Miss L. Scott
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Fussell, of Cambridgeshire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Scott, of West Yorkshire.

Mr A.D.S. Moseley and Fräulein D. Diensthach
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Major and Mrs John Moseley, of Peterborough, and Dorothee, elder daughter of Herr and Frau Volker Dienstbach, of Mittenaar, Germany.

Mr L.P. Ponder and Miss L.A. Reeve
The engagement is announced between Lee, elder son of Mr and Mrs S. Ponder, of Stifford Clays, Essex, and Lisa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Reeve, of Chadwell St Mary, Essex.

Mr T.V. Roberts and Miss P.F. Hyatt
The engagement is announced between Tudor, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J.K. Roberts, of Stock, Essex, and Tricia, eldest daughter of the Rev and Mrs R.K. Hyatt, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire.

Mr P.R. Saward and Miss S.L. Colgate
The engagement is announced between Peter Ronald, son of the late Mr John Saward and of Mrs Doreen Saward, of Morden, Surrey, and Sarah Louise, daughter of the late Mr Dennis Colgate and of Mrs Kathleen Colgate, of Hughenden Valley, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr R.C. Brooke and Miss S.L. Scott
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 16, at St Bartholomew's Church, Sutton-cum-Lound, of Mr Christopher Brooke, son of Mr David Brooke, of Cholderton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Robin Stormonth Darling, of Balvarran, Perthshire, and Miss Sophie Scott, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Scott, of Sutton-cum-Lound, Nottinghamshire.

Mr I.G. Dunhill and Miss D. Hicks-Clarke
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, 1995, at St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton, Hertfordshire, between Mr Iain Geoffrey Dunhill, only son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Dunhill, of Highams Park, London, and Miss Deborah Hicks-Clarke, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Clarke, of Wigginton, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.L. O'Connell and Miss S.E. Rainbird
The marriage took place on Sunday, October 1, at Lulworth Castle Chapel, Dorset, of Mr Ray O'Connell to Miss Sarah Rainbird. A reception was held at The Mansion House Dining Club, Poole.

Mr M.R.H. Wardle and Miss S.N. Forster
The marriage took place on September 23, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Flitwick, between Malcolm Wardle, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Wardle, and Susan Forster, daughter of Major and Mrs J. Forster.

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Jesus went on, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles him. From inside, from the human heart, come evil thoughts, and they are what defile a person'. Mark 7 : 20, 21, 23 (REB).

BIRTHS

ADAMS - On September 29th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Roger and Nicola, a son William Henry James a brother for Charlotte and Camilla.

ANHOLT - On September 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Anna and Simon, another daughter, Claudia.

BARTHOLOMEW - On September 30th 1995 to Tania (née Overton) and Jonathan, a daughter, Matilda Florence.

BELL - On September 26th to Sophia and Gary, a son, Tobias FitzHugh.

BREEZE - On September 12th 1995, to Janet (née Champion) and Christopher, a daughter, Sarika Grace Suzanna.

BROWN - On September 28th in Chichester to Julieta (née Veloso), and Malcolm a son Christopher Thomas.

CAYZER-COLVIN - On September 30th 1995, to Esther (née Tree) and Jamie, a daughter, Molly Isabella Elizabeth.

CLAUGHTON-KUGG - at The Portland Hospital, on the 27th September to Claire (née Morrison) and Richard, a daughter, Chloe Charlotte.

CRAWFURD - On September 21st 1995, to Louise (née Roddon) and David, a son, Felix Stephen Lindsay.

DAVEY - On September 27th 1995, to Judith (née Partington) and Victor the gift of a daughter Michelle Nicole, sister to Andrew.

de BEAUMONT - On 26th September 1995 at Kingston Hospital, to Gillian (née McLaren) and Dominic, a delightful son, Louis Alexander.

FRASER - On September 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Samantha (née Shinde) and James, a son, Alexander Tushar.

IDRISS - To Abi and Nabil The Wellington Hospital, a son, Danny, a brother for Adam

LYLE - On September 28th, to Bella and Alex, a daughter.

MINNICK - David Joseph born at The Wellington Hospital on 27th September 1995 at 18:26, 6lbs 10oz, 21 inches.

MORGAN-WITTS - On 26th September 1995 in California, to Davina (née Miles) and Paul, a daughter, Natasha Helen Ann, a sister for Thomas.

MULLIN - On September 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy Sayer and Sean Mullin a beautiful baby girl, Laurel Celine, a sister for Pierce.

PASOLINI - On September 27th to Rachel (née Portman) and Uberto, a daughter, Anna Gwendolen.

PAYNE - Jeremy and Fiona announce the birth of their second child, Tanya, a baby sister for little Olivia.

PEARCE - On 21st September, to Caroline (née Counsell) and Jonathan, a son, Henry Christopher, a brother for Edward.

REID - On September 29th to Caroline (née Mathews) and Graeme, a son, Nicholas Charles - brother for Alexandra.

RUDDOCK - On 22nd September 1995, to Maureen (née Leigh), and Allen, a son, Christopher James, a brother for Matthew.

SHIPTON - On September 28th to Melissa (née Sear) and William, a daughter, Sophie Rose.

VAN DONGEN-KARPATIOU The Wellington Hospital on 29 September, a son, Peter Michael to Anna and Reinier

WARDLAW - On September 27th, to Catherine (née Rutherford) and James, a daughter, Sophie Lara, a sister for Ben.

MARRIAGES

SACK:RICHMAN - Quietly in London on Wednesday 27th September between Professor Robert Sack, widower of Anita and Mrs Joyce Richman, widow of Alfred Richman.

TOMKINSON - YARWOOD The marriage took place in Cheshire on Saturday September 30th 1995 between Mr Christopher Tomkinson & Miss Marianne Yarwood, both of London.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

EVANS:LENEHAN - Raymond Colin to Edna Marie on 3rd October 1945 at St Peter and St Paul Cathedral, Jubbulpore, India.

DEATHS

AUCOTT - On 2nd October, Tom, peacefully in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. No flowers, donations if wished to Leukemia Research.

BAIRD - On Friday 29th September 1995, peacefully in Cheltenham, Alice Patience widow of Major R D Baird and mother of Dawn.

BALFOUR - suddenly on 30th September. The Hon. Mark Balfour aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Susan, dear father of Anthony, Nancy & Kate. Grandfather of Jake & elder son of Skips Riverdale. Service at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield Friday October 6th at 2.00 pm followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations payable to Yorkshire Cancer Research may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

BODDY - Roland Lindsay at Belford Hospital, Fort William following a sudden illness. On September 30th 1995. Much loved husband of the late Jeanne Marie and dear father of Alan, Mary-Anne, Joanna, Gillian and Frances, and loving grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Finnan Church, Kinlochmoidart on Wednesday 4th October at 4.00 pm. Cremation Service at Perth Crematorium on Thursday 5th October at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Belford Hospital Surgical Equipment Fund, may be made at Church, crematorium or forwarded to J. McLellan & Co. Funeral Directors, Dudley Road, Fort William PH33 6BA.

BRAMWELL - On September 29th. Philippa aged 91 years. Widow of Henry Bramwell and mother of Anna Rose and Michael. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Gregory's Church Alresford, Hampshire on Wednesday 18th October at 11.30 am. At her request donations can be sent to the R.S.P.C.A. PO Box 6047 Ref A48021, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1ZW.

BULLIVANT - Peacefully in hospital on 28th September, Rev Canon Ronald Bullivant, aged 82 years of Whitby (formerly of the Annunciation Church of Brighton). Dear brother of Vera. Service to be held at St. Hilda's Church, West Cliff, Whitby on Friday 6th October at 11 am, followed by private interment. R.I.P. No flowers by request. Enquiries to John Corner Funeral Service, Tel: (01947) 880424.

DILL - Henry David, of Edey's Hill, Devonshire, Bermuda, on September 25 aged 61. Surviving are his mother Lady Dill; brother Nicholas; sons Sean and Matthew; daughter Ruth-Anne and grandchildren Alexander and Jonathan Dill and Bayard and Benjamin Outerbridge. Funeral held yesterday, October 2, at Old Devonshire Church, Devonshire, Bermuda. In lieu of flowers, relatives and friends may wish to contribute to Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box HM1023, Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda

DONALDSON - Margaret on September 27 at Lister Hospital aged 59. Much loved Mother of Michael, Stephen and Timothy, Grandmother of James and dearly loved Wife of the late Ross. Will be sadly missed by family and friends in New Zealand and England. Funeral Thursday 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral, cremation at West London crematorium at noon. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research.

DONNELLY - On September 30th, Kathleen Elizabeth (Kay). Funeral Mass St Augustine's Catholic Church, Tunbridge Wells 3pm Thursday October 5. Family flowers only. Donations if wished, to Amnesty International.

EVANS - 30th September at St Peter's Convent, Plympton, St Maurice. Lucy, aged 88, widow of Oliver and mother of Elizabeth, Richard, Vivian, Mary and John. Funeral 2.30pm October 5th at Chivelstone Church, near Kingsbridge, South Devon. F.Directors: J G Perrott of Kingsbridge.

GAUNTLETT - On September 30th, Dr David Allan of Llandrindod Wells, aged 56 years. Will be sadly missed by his wife Gill, family, friends and colleagues. Cremation service on Thursday 5th October 3.30pm at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Family flowers only, donations if desired, all enquiries to Pritchard & Sons Funeral Directors, Central Garage, Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

GLADSTONE - On 30th September, Andrew Victor, aged 50, after a short illness. Beloved husband of Nicola and father of Isla and Clova. Funeral for close family only.

GREENWAY - Howard John, died peacefully at home in Shutford on October 1st 1995. Late of Sugarswell Farm Shenington. "Now serving with the angels". Funeral service on Friday, October 6th at Tysoe Methodist Church 2.30p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury.

GRUSZECKI - Irena wife of the late Leszek Gruszecki. Much loved mother of Ewa and Krystyna and grandmother of Anna Baker. Died peacefully at home in Glasgow on September 30th aged 77. Mass to be held at St. Ann's Oratory, Randolph Place, Edinburgh at 10.30 am on Saturday October 7th followed by cremation at Warriston crematorium at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Medical Aid for Poland 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD.

HARRISON - Clare Suzanne aged 21 on September 30th in a riding accident. Most dearly loved by her sisters and her parents Roger and Victoria Harrison. Service at Ovington Church at 3.30 pm on Friday October 6th. Donations if desired to the Liverpool University Faculty of Veterinary Science, Liverpool L69 3BX.

HEWITSON - Roy Barker on 28th September 1995 after a long illness bravely borne. Dearly beloved husband of Kerstin, devoted father of Christopher (deceased), Charles and Nigel and grandfather of Jonathan, Anna and Phoebe. Family funeral at St. Peter's Church, Barton on Thursday 5th October at 11.15 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Ely Cathedral Restoration Fund. A thanksgiving service will be held at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge on Thursday 2nd November at 11.30 a.m.

JOHN - On 2nd October 1995 Doctor David Dilwyn CBE DSC LLD TD. British Antarctic Exhibition 1924-1935 Keeper of Echonoderma Natural History Museum 1933-1948. Director National Museum of Wales 1948-1968. Private funeral.

JOHNSON - Francis Frederick CBE D.Litt. F.SA Dip Arch. RIBA. Died on 29th September aged 84. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral service at the Priory Church, Bridlington on Thursday 5th October at 1.00 pm, followed by a private burial. No flowers please, but if you wish, donations in his memory for the Bridlington Priory Restoration Appeal can be sent to Ernest Brigham Funeral Directors Limited 51 St. John's Street, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO16 5NN.

LACEY - Norma, peacefully on 27th September. Wife of John, mother of Peter and Nick, grandmother of Josh, Olivia, Tom, William, Fred, Lettice, Thea, Charley and Casper. No flowers, donations to LSE Foundation (0171) 955 7075. Service at St Michael's, Highgate at 12 noon on Monday 9 October.

KAPPLER - Alec John D.F.M. On 29th September 1995, suddenly, aged 74 years, dearly loved husband of Hilary and father of David and Michael. Funeral service and cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxford on Friday 6th October at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, W1N 4AR. All enquiries to Fisher and Townsend, 81 High Street, Witney, Oxon. Telephone 01993 702678.

KINDERSLEY - The Honourable Philip Leyland, on October 2nd 1995, younger son of the late Baron Kindersley. Beloved husband of Valerie and much loved father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne near Marlborough, Wiltshire at 4 pm on Thursday October 5th. No mourning. Family flowers only.

LANCASTER - Ronald John. On 29th September peacefully at his home. Dear father to Nicholas, Sarah and James. Grandfather to Dominic, Gemma and Henry. Memorial Service at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Dedham on Friday 6th October at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, B.E.N. or Multiple Sclerosis c/o Mr N Lancaster 46/47 Belgrave Mews North, London SW1 8RS.

MOIR - On 26th September, peacefully, Colonel Claud Macbeth Moir, C.V.O., O.B.E., late The Black Watch, loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Service at The Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh on Monday 9th October at 12 Noon. No flowers please. Donations to The Prince's Trust in Scotland, Glasgow.

MURRAY - Mary Beatrice de Carteret (née Malet). Died peacefully on Friday 29th September. Wife of Keith, mother of Sarah and Constance. Grandmother of Annabella, Edward and William. Great Grandmother of Joshua. Service on Friday 6th October 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Tarrant Gunville. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Tarrant Gunville Church, c/o Colin Close & Co. Funeral Directors, 1b Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset.

MYBURGH - On 26th September, Diana Mary Myburgh, peacefully after a long illness at The London Bridge Hospital. Much loved mother of Pauline and Sarah. Funeral to take place on Friday 6th October at 12 noon at St. John's Church, Hartley Wintney. Flowers to Ballard and Barker Ltd, 308 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 Tel: 0171 370 6271

NARRACOTT (FRANKLIN) Catherine Aaron - Peacefully in her sleep on the morning of 27th September 1995. Dearly loved mother, mother in law, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Service 11am Friday 6th October All Saints Datchworth Herts. Flowers W. Austin & Sons 9-11 Letchmore Road, Old Stevenage, Herts or donations to Cancer Research.

PINNOCK - On Saturday 30th September, 1995 at home, Elizabeth Mary Pinnock of Bedford. A release from pain and discomfort borne with great bravery. Beloved wife of Joe. Much loved by her sons Michael and Julian Brandon, her stepson Jonathan Pinnock and their respective families. Funeral service at Biddenham Church on Friday 6th October at 11.30am followed by cremation. No flowers please, but any donations to R.S.P.B. sent c/o Arnolds Funeral Service, Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE, will be gratefully received.

RUSSELL - On October 1, peacefully at Birtley House NH, Verena, aged 84, much loved Mother and Grandmother. Family funeral Friday October 6. Flowers to Sheila Morris (Florists). 0148 356747.

SANKEY - Jean Mary; devoted wife of John Villiers Sankey, at The Royal Free Hospital, on 30th September, aged 70 years, from two recent secondary cancers; 8 years after a cured primary. Relatives only, please, to funeral at Golders Green, 6th October.

SHELDON - Marc, father of Christopher died of heart failure, 28 September at St Mary's Hospital.

SHORT - Sheila-Ann at Cannes, France on 30th September, following an accident. Much loved wife of Ian, mother of Rupert and grandma to Oliver. Funeral in England yet to be arranged. White/green flowers only please, at her request. Enquiries to E R Hickmott & Sons, Tel (01892) 522462.

ROMNEY - Francis Aileen, Countess of (née Landale), at Sandringham Hospital, Kings Lynn on 2nd October. Funeral Roughum Church, Thursday 5th October at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to MacMillan Fund may be sent to H C Goward, Funeral Directors, Fakenham NR21 7LP. Tel (01328) 862686.

ROSE - Hugh Herbert (Tom). Adored and devoted husband to Rosemary, father to Jonathan and Emma, Dad Dad to Lucy and William, and special friend to so many. Peacefully at home on 1st October, aged 84. Always courageous and happy to the end. Private funeral. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

STEPHENSON - Nancy, daughter of the late Vice Admiral Sir Gilbert Stephenson KBE, CB, CMG. Died peacefully on 2nd October aged 91. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 10th October, at 12 noon at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden, Essex. No flowers please.

TURNER - On 30th September, 1995. David, passed peacefully away at Broadstairs, aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Marion and dear father of Sheena and Margaret. Enquiries to Blackburns Funeral Service. Tel 01843 862697.

TAYLOR - On September 29th, peacefully aged 95 years. Enid of Windmill Grange, Histon, Cambridge. Dear wife of Dr Ian Taylor and mother of Robin. Funeral at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel at 12.30 pm on Friday October 6th 1995. Floral tributes may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Service, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8PA. Tel: 01223 418268.

WALTER - W.N.D. On September 29th peacefully at home, Nelson; aged 68, dearly loved father of Jennie, Sarah, William and Nicholas, and their late mother Jillian. Flowers to Geoffrey Church Limited, Thatcham tel: 868444 or donations to Parkinsons Disease Society. Funeral Service at Douai Abbey Thursday October 5th at 11 am.

WARNER - Sir Fred Archibald GCVO KCMG died peacefully at home on Saturday September 30th surrounded by a loving family and friends. A small funeral will take place at St. Mary's Stoke Abbott, Dorset on Friday 6th October. A date for a memorial service will be announced later. Donations can be made to the Tree Donor Scheme (BTCV) 36 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0EU or flowers may be sent if preferred. Enquiries to A. J. Wakeley, Bridport 01308 422726.

WILLIAMS - On October 1st 1995 Dom Anthony Howard Williams, Monk of Elmore Abbey, aged 91 years and in the 46th year of his profession. Requiem and funeral at Elmore Abbey on Friday October 6th at 11am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

JENCKS - The Memorial Mass for Maggie Keswick Jencks will be held at 3.30 pm Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 10th October.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MUIR - John Gerald Grainger died 2nd October 1990. Always missed.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BALFOUR

Professor Michael Balfour, CBE, historian and civil servant, died on September 16 aged 86. He was born on November 22, 1908.



MICHAEL BALFOUR was born in Oxford, the city around which much of his life was to revolve, in the year identified by James Joll in a *festschrift* compiled for Balfour's 80th birthday, as pre-eminently "a year for historians". It was the year in which Europe's monarchs, meeting at Reval and at Kronberg, made their personal attempts to break the tensions that were to lead to war. Their failure cast the long shadows which provided Balfour with his chief historical themes — the shaping of 20th-century Europe, the nature of tyranny, and the disastrously flawed relations between Britain and Germany.

By birth and upbringing Michael Balfour was entirely English, although by ancestry he was a Scot: he could trace his lineage directly to the 14th-century Balfours of Inchrye, including David, the 18th-century, largely fictional hero of *Kidnapped*. From his father, Graham Balfour, the official biographer of Robert Louis Stevenson, he inherited a deep knowledge of that writer and a love of his work.

He was educated at Packwood Haugh, near Birmingham, and at Rugby, where he chiefly studied classics but was also one of the last and favoured pupils of the school's pioneering history master, C. P. ("Tiger") Hastings. The latter, who was a passionate disciple of Macaulay and Carlyle, had been the teacher, at various times, of William Temple, Robert Birley and R. H. Tawney. He gave Balfour his first whiff of the historical excitement which was to fire much of his writing.

Balfour obtained a history exhibition to Balliol where he was confidently expected to take a first in Greats. In fact he achieved only a second; but in the following year he gained a first in Modern History, and in 1931 he only narrowly missed being elected to a prize fellowship at All Souls, being pipped to the post by Goronwy Rees. Between 1933 and 1936 he lectured in modern history at Magdalen, where he held a demyship.

Most of his vacations during these years were used to travel extensively in Germany, often on foot — Balfour was a passionate walker all his life — and thus to form the network of German friendships and loyalties which were to inform so many of his historical studies. The most notable of these were probably *The Kaiser and His Times* (1964) and *Helmuth von Moltke: a Leader against Hitler* (1972).

Of the former, Hugh Trevor-Roper wrote: "Mr Balfour has ... embedded the Kaiser — sometimes very deeply — in the economic and social history of Germany. He has shown how the economic development of Germany, without political adjustment, created tensions which even Bismarck did nothing to resolve. Secondly, he has studied the personal psychology of the Kaiser: a psychology which neither heredity nor environment equipped to deal with the immense problems bequeathed to him. The result is a solid, well-documented book: a nutritive meal for resolute appetites."

The biography of von Moltke, written jointly with Julian Frisby, remains the definitive study in English of the German resistance leader whom George Kennan considered to be "the greatest person morally ... that I met on either side of the battle-lines in the Second World War". Balfour himself preferred the word withstanding (*Widerstand*) to resistance: as he wrote in a later book, "one of the first steps to understanding what did or did not happen [during the rise of Nazism] is to realise that the activities associated with those English nouns in many countries were not practicable in Germany after 1933".

Balfour first met von Moltke in 1936 and was to become godfather to his son. His admiration for the man was nearly total but his study remains critical and balanced; in particular, it successfully addresses many of the practical questions which exercised Balfour's own mind. What should an honest, humane and intelligent man do under a modern tyranny; how can he obstruct tyrants without having his efforts abruptly terminated by imprisonment or execution; what can give him the pertinacity and courage to go on making himself awkward?

The book includes much of von Moltke's wartime correspondence with foreign intellectuals and politicians. In a letter to Lionel Curtis of the Round Table, written from Sweden in March 1943, von Moltke outlines his plans for "a stable connection between the German opposition and Great Britain ... to assist our war against Hitler, our internal war"; he requests that, as a means to this end, a man should be sent to Stockholm specifically "to keep in touch with the various underground movements in Europe, especially in Germany". Von Moltke makes it clear that Balfour was the man he had in mind.

The proposal never reached Curtis: the Swedish diplomat to whom von Moltke entrusted it felt that the letter was too dangerous to forward. Balfour remained in England, serving successively in the Ministry of Information, the Political Warfare Executive and the Psychological Warfare Division of SHAEF. Von Moltke was arrested early in 1944 and executed at Plötzensee, along with nine others, on January 23, 1945.

Balfour's own wartime assignment was to marshal and direct the Allied propaganda services — a complex, demanding task which was to provide him with the material for *Propaganda in War, 1939-1945*, published in 1979. His wartime experience stood Balfour in good stead for his next senior appointment, supervising Germany's postwar information media for the British Control Commission — work which provided him with the background for a 1956 study of *Four-Power Control in Germany, 1945-1946*.

On September 29, 1947, the very day on which Harold Wilson's youthful appointment to the Board of Trade was announced to the press, Balfour became the board's chief information officer. He was delighted to be back in England; he felt at ease with Wilson (more, perhaps, than with the press); and his responsibility for British overseas trade fairs gave him ample opportunity for foreign travel over the next 16 years. In 1963 he was appointed CBE.

Increasingly, however, he longed to return to the academic world, and in 1964 he eagerly accepted an offer of a lectureship (later professorship) in European history at the University of East Anglia.

Balfour retired to his Oxfordshire home in 1974, where he continued to write prolifically. His last three studies were *The Adversaries: America, Russia and the Open World, 1941-1962* (1981), *West Germany: a Contemporary History* (1982) and *Britain and Joseph Chamberlain* (1985).

Spare of frame, precise in manner, Michael Balfour could present strangers with an austere, even daunting facade. It concealed much wit and warmth, and a sensitivity to human relationships which endeared him to his friends and secured him an honoured place at the heart of his family. In 1934 he married Grizel Wilson, sister of Sir Duncan Wilson, British Ambassador in Belgrade and Moscow. She survives him, along with their three daughters.

SIDNEY PETTLE

Sidney Pettle, former beadle, sexton and marriage secretary at the West London Synagogue, died on September 22 aged 66. He was born on March 17, 1929.



SIDNEY PETTLE was probably the only beadle in church or synagogue history to have won fame and a personal following far beyond the institution he served. His flair and exceptional charisma endowed the humble office of beadle with great prestige.

The "cathedral" synagogue he served, known simply as "West London" has, unlike so many other city centre churches and synagogues, managed to retain a flourishing congregation of nearly 4,000 members. It has always had outstanding senior rabbis; Hugo Gryn, the present incumbent, widely known for his part in the BBC's *Moral Maze* programme and other media slots, has been there for nearly 30 years. It has outstanding music under the direction of Sidney Fixman. And for 34 years it had Sidney Pettle.

Of medium build and measured movements, Pettle had a quiet dignity — with or without his top hat and black, velvet-edged gown. And he was master of every ceremony. At a quietly spoken word or understated gesture from Pettle, a thousand people would instantly rise to their feet or sink into their seats. He would recognise every face that came in, even those who had been truant for years, and locate them in the pews. Under his unobtrusive direction, lay participants would appear to open or close the Ark at the precise moment needed to keep the liturgy flowing.

For tyro rabbis he had inexhaustible advice and staunch support. For older rabbis his presence was always reassuring because of his *nous*, his judgment and his total reliability. His long partnership with Hugo Gryn was particularly close and happy.

In a congregation that ranged from the titled to those on reduced subscriptions, Pettle endeared himself to all by his unique blend of warmth and reserve. He knew the borders between courtesy, friendship and familiarity, and never crossed them uninvited.

His post, with the additional duties of funeral director and marriage secretary, left him little leisure. He still made time regularly to go around several old age homes and put on film shows. His help was also always available to a number of congregations that sprang up on the outskirts of London in the postwar decades. He made and left his mark far outside his own "parish".

Sidney David Pettle was born in Hackney, East London. His father was a travelling salesman, his mother a finishing hand in a garment factory. They separated while he was still an infant. He was brought up mostly by a grandmother, and left the local Lauriston school at 14.

But what he lacked in material and educational advantage, he made up for with rich inner resources. From the moment he entered the job market, he was determined upon communal service. After ten years in the offices of Anglo-Jewry's central institution, the United Synagogue, he applied for the beadle's post at West London. He had found the position in which he flourished.

Pettle spent the last few years of his life as funeral director to the Reform and Liberal Jewish communities in Brighton. There a brain tumour and inoperable cancer struck at him earlier this year.

He married Anne Knott in 1952. She died in 1968. He is survived by his second wife Zena, whom he married in 1970, and by her three daughters whom he adopted as his own.

MONICA MAURICE

Monica Maurice, OBE, chairman of the Wolf Safety Lamp Company, 1951-88, died on September 20 aged 87. She was born on June 30, 1908.



DURING her half-century at the helm of the Sheffield-based Wolf Safety Lamp Company, Monica Maurice oversaw a minor revolution in the underground safety lighting used in South Yorkshire pits. She was a diminutive woman, but she possessed the necessary grit to succeed in what are still today the overwhelmingly male professions of coalmining and engineering. In Sheffield she was known affectionately as the Lady of the Lamp.

When she joined the Wolf Safety Lamp Company, as a young girl in her father's firm, she was a highly unusual addition to the workforce. One thing which eased her way with her male colleagues was her genuine fascination with the technical aspects of her work as an engineer.

She loved everything mechanical from her youth onwards, and spent hours tinkering under the bonnets of cars, for which she had a passion. She learnt to fly in the mid-1930s, and continued to take spins in the air well into her seventies. She was also a hard worker, regularly putting in a ten or 12-hour day and a seven-day week.

The Wolf Safety Lamp Company, where she spent her entire professional life — only retiring as chairman in 1988 — was a family concern. It had been founded just before the First World War, when it gained a licence to market the new design of miners' safety lamps from Germany. Instead of merely selling these on, her father, William Maurice, decided to investigate the new technology itself, and developed numerous applications. The company became one of the world leaders in its field.

Helen Monica Maurice had a cosmopolitan education, which began at Bedales and included spells at Hamburg University and at the Sorbonne, where she developed her facility for languages. She joined the Wolf Safety Lamp Company in 1930, at the age of 21, as a secretary to her father, the governing director. She then trained as an engineer and was made a director in 1932. The following year she organised a conference of the Women's Engineering Society in Sheffield. One of the women who attended was her fellow aviatrix Amy Johnson.

Three years later Maurice was overseeing installations of coalface heading lighting with Wolf Airturbo lamps in the South Yorkshire pits. She also carried out experiments on flame safety lamps in underground environments.

In 1938 she became the first and, until 1979, the only woman member of the Association of Mining Electrical Engineers. At the same time, she was making numerous overseas trips for the company and just before the war, found herself in Cologne. It was an uncomfortable moment to be an English woman in Germany, and her hosts, when they searched her, regarded the technical drawings of lamps which she was carrying as most suspicious.

Her factory was bombed during the war, during which Maurice served on a British Standards Committee investigating the standardisation of screw threads. She returned to Germany after the war on a mission to advise on the re-establishment of industry. In 1951 she succeeded her father as chairman and managing director, and during the 1950s continued work on safety footwear and miners' cap lamp bulbs. In 1959 new, more compact flame safety lamps were introduced by the company, the redesign being supervised by Maurice.

There followed a decade developing new markets for safety lamps, in particular in the petrochemical and shipping industries. Maurice generated business with tanker fleets, petrochemical plants and refiners, and at the same time expanded overseas. She was appointed OBE in 1975, and retired as managing director in favour of her son four years later, although she remained chairman until 1988. Afterwards she concentrated on enlarging her collection of jade, paintings and antiques, and spent more time with her grandchildren.

Maurice had keep her company relatively small, with around 50 employees and, to her staff she remained affectionately known as "Miss Maurice". In fact, she had married a GP, Dr Arthur Newton Jackson, in 1938, although she retained her maiden name for professional purposes. They had a daughter and two sons.

KENNETH ROBERTS

Kenneth Roberts, CBE, former chief executive and deputy chairman of Wessex Water, died on September 24 aged 72. He was born on February 13, 1923.



KENNETH ROBERTS dedicated his life to the improvement of the water industry, not just in Britain but also across Europe. One of a select group of water engineers and managers that formed the Ogden committee — the national committee set up to make recommendations on a new national structure for local government water organisations — he was one of the architects of the modern British water industry.

Ken Roberts was born in Bolton on February 13, 1923. Educated at Bolton Grammar School, he went on to Manchester University where he gained his BSc Honours degree in civil engineering. Commissioned in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1943, he worked for four years with the Indian Army ending up with the rank of major.

After his move to the West Country in 1947, his passion for the water industry emerged. As the deputy chief engineer for Bristol Waterworks Company he was intimately involved in the planning and construction of Chew Valley Lake, a reservoir supplying the city of Bristol. Opened by the Queen in 1956, it remains a beautiful and enduring monument to Roberts's engineering skills.

As general manager of the large and influential Bristol Waterworks Company, his determination to champion a less fragmented water industry earned him a place on the Ogden committee and the opportunity to change the British water industry. After ten water authorities were formed in 1974, he became the chief executive of Wessex Water.

He broke away from an engineering management style to take advantage of high technology and cost controls which had not previously been used. He brought a demanding commercial approach to the industry and set ambitious new standards of service against which capital spending was judged.

Roberts's contributions have subsequently become the bedrock of the water industry's ability to provide a cost effective service to its customers. His radical ideas on its management — and their successful implementation — earned him considerable respect in the European Community. In 1986 he became president of EUREAU — the Union of Water Supply Associations in the European Community — and he advised the European Commission on a number of pan-European water industry matters. He was particularly influential in the development of EU directives relating to the pollution of water resources and in planning standard European water supply practices.

Roberts served on many other national and international committees as chairman or president, including the Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists, National Joint Utilities Group, the finance committee of the International Water Supply Association and the Pipeline Industries Guild. In 1986 he was elected an honorary member of the American Water Works Association.

Up to the time of his death he was still actively involved in the community through his role on Bath University Council and as the university treasurer. In 1979 Roberts's achievements in and for the British water industry were recognised when he was appointed CBE.

Even in the relaxation of his retirement Roberts remained close to the water to which he had dedicated his life. He was a keen fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, and by their two daughters.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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TEST — A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Cornish Cricketer Douglan Trist CBE RN, will be held at 12.00 noon on Saturday November 4th in St. Paul's Church, Canterbury.

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The estate of the Hampstead Tenants' Society (Limited) was formally opened yesterday, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with the representatives of various local authorities, being present at the ceremony. The estate covers 40 acres and is situated at Temple Fortune, on the Finchley Road, less than a mile to the north of the Golders Green terminus of the Charing Cross and Hampstead Tube Railway. The land forms part of the 243 acres, the property of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, from whom it is held by the society on lease. The Hampstead Tenants Society (Limited) is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, and is affiliated with the Co-partnerships Tenants' Housing Council, Co-partnership Tenants (Limited), and other associations having for their object the cheaper, healthier housing of the working class population in the outer suburbs of London and other large towns.

Upon the 40 acres it is proposed to build not more than 400 houses, no single acre will have more than 12 houses upon it; and this departure from the too common practice of crowding 30 or 40 houses upon an acre will allow a small garden to each house and open spaces for recreation. The society took possession of the land on May 1, and there are now 13 houses nearly ready for occupation, and it is hoped that by next March 84 houses will be completed. The tenant, as partner in the estate, will have a share in whatever profits may be made. Every tenant must become a member of the society.

The *minimum* subscription to shares is £5, with the obligation on the tenant gradually to increase his interest in the undertaking by small investments during tenancy. His share in the profits is to be credited to the tenant member as share capital, until it amounts approximately to the value of the house in which he lives. Interest is to be paid on shares, and by setting the accruing interest against the rent paid the tenant-member will have the hope of eventually living rent free. There are at present about 200 members, and the demand for houses is far in excess of the supply.

The Lord Mayor opened the first house in the broad roadway to be known as Hampstead Way and then, with the Sheriffs, Mrs Barnett and others, planted lime trees by the roadside.

Mr Vivian, in responding on behalf of the federated societies, said they owed much to the pioneers of the movement under whom the idea of a garden city had taken shape. If this branch society were to fail commercially — a thing most unlikely — the people of this country would have full value in the improved standard of thought which had resulted from the experiment. It had stirred the imagination and had led to well-considered principles for laying out an estate on commercial lines.

Undoubtedly it was a distinct gain for a man to enter his house with a sense of possession, but that should not enable him to utilise his ownership to the injury of his neighbours. It must be within everyone's experience how a selfish tenant could lower the character of a whole street.

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GERMANY BUILDS ON FIVE YEARS OF UNITY

Kohl: German and European unity are 'two sides of the same coin'

Preempting the political judgements of future historians may rank as presumption. But there is little doubt that they will judge modern Germany fortunate in the men it has chosen to lead the transformation from a defeated, shattered and divided country into the epitome of a stable free-market democracy at peace with its neighbours. They include men like Konrad Adenauer, Willy Brandt, Helmut Schmidt and today's Chancellor Helmut Kohl who has been elected four times and has headed the government for 13 years – more than a quarter of the time since the Federal Republic was established in 1949.

Two issues have dominated Herr Kohl's period in office: the unification of a Germany divided by the iron curtain and the integration of Germany into the ever closer relationship of the members of the European Union. For Herr Kohl, the two issues are indissolubly linked. The integration of the former GDR into the Federal Republic provides a model of what can be achieved if historic opportunities are seized promptly and with determination.

He was asked in a recent interview about the ten-point programme he presented at the end of November 1989 at a time when the cracks in the Berlin Wall, and in the structure of the old GDR, were raising old fears in some quarters that a unified Germany of 80 million people might dominate Europe politically as well as economically. He stressed then that the future architecture of Germany would have to fit in with the future architecture of Europe as a whole. Has this process been a success?



'our goal is to build a Europe to weather the storms of time'

"Yes, but it's not complete, one of our main foreign policy goals is to pursue this process to a successful conclusion.

I have repeatedly assured our European friends that a reunited Germany would not go its own special way and it is a principle we have followed consistently. It is in our own interests because a neutral Germany would only become progressively more isolated, which would be damaging for us as well as for our neighbours.

The integral link between German and European unit is plain to see. Konrad Adenauer's guiding principle that German unity and European unity are two sides of the same coin is as valid today and for the future as when Adenauer expressed it. It was this indivisible link that the French President and I had in our minds in April 1990 we launched a joint initiative to develop the European Community into a political union. The result of that Franco-German initiative was the Maastricht summit of April 1991.

I have said before that historic opportunities do not reoccur – or if they do, only after a long time. This is naturally true for the process of uniting Europe. We are the ones who have to decide whether we make decisive advances towards European union or allow ourselves to adopt a hesitant wait-and-see policy. Our goal is to build a Europe to weather the storms of our time."

The Chancellor's ability to seize the moment for decisive action was never better demonstrated than in 1989 and 1990 when the Berlin Wall first crumbled and then fell. He says now that any doubts he may have had about the feasibility of unification were finally laid to rest in late December 1989 when he watched the people of Dresden express their desire for freedom and unity in a huge spontaneous and peaceful demonstration. Picking up the theme of seizing historic opportunity, the Chancellor was asked how important the time factor was in his decision to proceed to complete unification within less than a year. There are those who still believe the speed with which that process was conducted may have led to decisions, above in the decision to pay out one Deutschmark for every so-called Ostmark may yet prove a costly mistake. Chancellor, however, has no doubts today:

"There has been lively debate over the past few years about the speed at which reunification came about. Today we can see more clearly than ever before that there was absolutely no alternative to the rapid and decisive action we took. And today there can be no serious doubt that the moment had to be seized.

"Think about the foreign policy situation under which we had to act at that time. Behind closed doors, orthodox communist forces were severely criticising the agreement which President Gorbachev and I had reached in the summer of 1990. In spite of that, the Soviet Union ratified the treaty in 1991 – the last of the four victorious powers of World War II to do so. Mikhail Gorbachev kept his word and fulfilled the agreements concluded in the Caucasus, and for that, I am still grateful to him today.

"Everything which occurred as the Soviet Union collapsed only underlines how right we were to pursue a rapid course towards the re-establishment of German unity. When I look back on that today, I am sure we Germans only had a narrow window of opportunity of four to five months for regaining a united country. If we had waited, that window would have been closed."

As Chancellor Kohl sees it, the intra-German monetary union forged on July 1, 1990 was the foundation for the catching-up process which started the ball rolling for one of the largest reconstruction programmes in the history of the world. Looking at the Germany of today, on the fifth anniversary of unification, what does the Chancellor see as his greatest domestic challenge:

"The greatest challenge for all of Germany was and is the fight against unemployment. It's something which affects the fate of countless numbers of people threatened with the loss of self-esteem, their standard of living and the overall quality of their lives. They have a right not only to practical "solidarity". They have a right, too, to expect that no effort will be spared in seeking to create a job of work for them to do."

...a kaleidoscope of regions...



Many Germans feel the traditional image of them as efficient, but lacking in humour, does less than justice to the Germany of the 1990s. Some, if not all Germans, can even laugh at Mark Twain's memorable quip about the ultimate solemnity of all things German – even their humour. The German joke, he noted, "is no laughing matter".

It is fitting, therefore, that the German government should have chosen to celebrate five years of unity and 50 years of peace by sponsoring a witty and colourful series of posters – some of them commemorating anti-establishment and iconoclastic artists.

The poster (above) depicts Germany as a kaleidoscope of regions, from Bavaria (green) in the South to Schleswig Holstein (yellow) in the North. Let a thousand flowers bloom, or in Germany's case the sixteen federal Laender. The poster graphically portrays how sixteen Laender can retain their individuality, their local identity and colour, rooted in the same soil of belief in democracy and freedom. Could the same imagery be applied to European Union?

A NEW BEGINNING FOR ALL OF EUROPE



Klaus Kinkel has been Germany's foreign minister and deputy Chancellor for three years – a period when Germany has been called upon to play an ever more active role in world politics. For the first time the Germans find themselves surrounded only by friends and partners; and like the Chancellor, Herr Kinkel sees consolidating Germany's place in an ever more united Europe as his, and his country's, prime foreign policy objective. But at a time when Europe and Germany have been forced by the tragic events in former Yugoslavia to play a proactive role in wider international affairs – as political entities in their own right and as key elements in NATO and the United Nations – Klaus Kinkel's has been a distinctive voice on the world political arena. In the article that follows, edited by The Times, he sets out his vision of Germany's international role. Its size and history impose a special responsibility on Germany which Herr Kinkel wants to see fulfilled:

"The overriding issue for us remains the harmonious integration of our country into a free, functioning Europe which is close to and sensitive to the wishes of its citizens. The European Union's 1996 Intergovernmental Conference must create the conditions for better fulfilling popular expectations and coping with impending expansion. The Union will grow from its present members to well over 20. Prague, Warsaw and Budapest are as much part of Europe as Rome, Paris, Berlin or London. Achieving this ambitious goal will require a major effort, but it will be worth it.

"The unification of Europe, however, must not be allowed to put distance between us and America. NATO remains the cornerstone of European security. But our channels across the Atlantic must be widened. That is why I have been working actively for a transatlantic free trade zone in recent months. The USA, Canada and the EU live on free world trade and from free access to world markets. Together with the Americans we want to tighten the join security net in Europe through closer cooperation in NATO, the EU, the WEU and the OSCE. There can be no new lines of division in Europe, no falling back into old disputes. And that is why the incorporation of Russia into this security structure is of decisive importance.

"The end of the cold war which split Germany in two and made it a potential battle ground for the great powers has made the Federal Republic a safer place. But the resulting fragmentation of the world has sparked new conflicts which involve Germany as a major European power and a member of the United Nations. Klaus Kinkel has been actively engaged as a member of the Yugoslavian Contact Group in seeking peaceful solution in the Balkans. Global problems require global solutions and he regards the United Nations, for all its imperfections as an organisation, as more important than ever. Reform of the security council to reflect today's political realities would also give Germany the opportunity to play a more active role in helping world problems:

"The terrible war in former Yugoslavia remains the measure of the new multilateral security policy which has arisen since the end of the Cold War... the spread of weapons of mass destruction, migration caused by poverty, the destruction of the environment and population explosions call for global answers. The United Nations is more important today than it was when it was founded 50 years ago. Of course the organisation is in need of reform. But the institution can only be as effective as its members allow it to be. The United Nations is the only alternative to making the law of jungle the order of the day. Strengthening the UN, therefore, is an important part of German foreign policy. This includes reform of the Security Council whose composition no longer reflects the world as it is today."

For Germany, the key to its policy of closer integration in Europe remains the special relationship with France. It was first forged more than 30 years ago by Konrad Adenauer and General de Gaulle, re-emphasised some 20 years on by Helmut Kohl's predecessor Helmut Schmidt and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and cemented by Herr Kohl and president Francois Mitterand as they held hands in a gesture of reconcilation to commemorate the dead of two world wars in 1984. But real friendship, between nations as between individuals, cannot mean muzzling disagreement where a friend is believed to be acting wrongly as is the case with France's series of nuclear tests. A recent 'offer' by France to shelter Germany under its nuclear umbrella prompted its foreign minister to explain the German position: "As soon as we have concrete proposals from the French, we will examine them and discuss them with our other partners. But our rejection of the possession and production of nuclear weapons remains absolute, and the atlantic alliance must not be put in jeopardy.

"The permanent extension of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty was a sign that the community of nations had recognised its responsibility in an area which is so important for security. Everything must be done to ensure that the present round of comprehensive test ban negotiations are successfully concluded next year. Nuclear testing no longer fits the times we live in. Protection of human rights, democratisation, free enterprise and the rule of law are the best means of preventing crises as well as the best foundation for lasting development. Germany will continue to show an active commitment to these causes."

TRANSFERS TO EASTERN GERMANY TOP DM 500 BILLION



When Germany's Finance Minister Theo Waigel and Chancellor Helmut Kohl insist on observance of the Maastricht criteria for participation in a single currency, it is hard for non-Germans to understand what they sometimes see as an obsession with stable money and sound public finances. But history has taught Germans their overriding importance as the bedrock of the domestic political and social stability which make it possible for Germany to be a good neighbour to the many nations that surround it. There are still people alive today who remember at first hand how it felt when the collapse of society in the 1920s followed the collapse of the currency and opened the way for 12 years of repression and six years of war.

The smashing down of the hated wall undoubtedly expressed the political will of people on both sides and provided dramatic and graphic television images of history in the making. In the heady days at the end of 1989, few Germans dreamt that it would be the Finance Ministry that would bear the main burden of turning instant joy into solid achievement. In 1990, after the wall dividing Europe and Germany had fallen, there were those who feared that the task of uniting Germany economically as well as politically would impose unbearable strains on people on both sides of the old wall. The task of creating one economic entity out of two economies that had diverged totally for a generation is not complete. But the progress made in the five years since unification, the growing convergence of East and West and avoidance of major social upheavals: these are the elements of a Wirtschaftswunder – an economic miracle – every bit as miraculous as western Germany's recovery in the 1950s. Today, the so-called new Laender of the old GDR are among the fastest growing regions in Europe, with Gross Domestic Product projected to rise 9% this year.

'the new Laender – Europe's fastest growing region'

The magnitude of the funds – more than DM 500bn have been devoted to restructuring the economy of the new Laender in a socially responsible manner – beggars belief. Annual transfers from the federal budget are roughly the size of Portugal's GNP. In each of the years 1991-95, the federal government has spent DM 100bn to DM 150bn promoting the rapid shift from a stagnant centrally-planned to a flourishing social-market economy.

For all the strength of the German economy, finding these sums was no easy task and required a mix of measures. In the eight years after Chancellor Kohl had formed his first government, Herr Waigel and his predecessors had managed to reduce the state's share of GNP from 50% to 46% by the time of unification. The initial aim was to make way for investment in unification through savings elsewhere. But the urgency and scale of the required spend, along with the need for social reasons to reduce expenditure gradually rather than abruptly, made higher tax revenues and a sharp rise in public sector borrowing inevitable. Of the DM 515bn that has flowed to the East, about DM 170bn has flowed back in tax. Out of net transfers of some DM 345bn, just over DM 200bn has come from budget savings. DM nearly DM 70bn through the uptake of new credit in the form of unity bonds and other instruments, while just over DM 75bn was financed by a temporary "solidarity surcharge" on income and other taxes, in addition. old GDR debts of about DM 350bn have been consolidated and are being repaid over the lifetime of a generation.

Since the beginning of this year, the new Land Govern-ments and their Local Authorities have been fully integrated into the complex financial relationship between the Federal Republic and the Laender. This gives them the means to spend 20% more per head than the old Laender and to make capital investment 100% higher per head – essential as part of the catching up process.

But "throwing money" at the new Laender, necessary as this has been, is only part of the solution. The other part is organisation. Herr Waigel and his ministry have faced the immense challenge of setting up an infrastructure of public financial administration almost from scratch. Tax collection played little role in the centrally-planned economy of the GDR. Tax offices simply did not exist; and the few people working in the finance departments of local authorities had no training or experience in the financial and accounting standards used in a market economy. There were no buildings, office materials, forms, knowledge or literature for handling company or individual tax affairs. In less than five years, Herr Waigel's Ministry has organised a fully developed structure of public financial administration for 17 million people with performance levels that can stand comparison with those of the old Laender of the Federal Republic.

The same story can be told for customs and border controls which had previously served only to administer the restrictions and orders of centrally planned trade. There was simply no duty on trade between the GDR and its easterly neighbours. The explosion of cross-border commerce and traffic – lorry traffic between the former GDR and Poland and the Czech Republic has risen tenfold since 1989 – has meant an immense investment in buildings, training and staffing to ensure a free flow of trade.

Despite the strains of making unification an everyday reality rather than merely an instant of political euphoria, Germany has managed the enormous investments required without mortgaging its financial future. The public sector's share of GNP has risen to just over 50%, but the country's public finances still meet the Maastricht criteria for participating in a single currency. The Federal Government's aim now is to reduce the State's take to 46% over the next five years, to phase out its extra borrowing and to end the "solidarity surcharge" on tax by the end of this decade.

Business booms in Leipzig



For many westerners, a visit to Leipzig – cold dark and grey –but the centre for the annual East/West trade fair was their only impression of the old GDR. It was hard to square the sullen city with the tag given it by Germany's greatest poet. Charmed by the social life in its numerous cafes, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe called it "little Paris". Five years after reunification, the transformation is even more remarkable. The streets and cafes are swarming with visitors, speaking in a babel of different languages and German regional accents.

Leipzig today is the boom town of Europe. Monotones have given way to a riot of colours as the city has restored houses, hotels, shops and apartment buildings. It is also the building site of Europe with 800 cranes towering over the city and its separate 7,000 construction sites. A total of over DM 30bn has been invested in the city in only five years. At a cost of well over DM 1bn, the city is building a new home for its trade fair. Its super-modern glass palace, now approaching completion, is set to become Germany's most advanced exhibition hall and is designed to revive the city's traditions as a centre for world trade.

Incredibly, Leipzig – well situated to link the industrial centres of western Europe and the rapidly developing economies of eastern Europe – is the second biggest banking centre in Germany, after Frankfurt am Main. The arrival of banks and the revival of the city as a service-oriented centre has sent the cost of rents and building skyrocketing. In the town centre, developers pay up to DM 20,000 per sq. metre of building land.

The railway has always played a central role in the life of Leipzig. The terminal built in 1915, now under a protection order, is the largest in Europe with its 267-metre long concourse serving 26 platforms and tracks. Deutsche Bahn AG has set aside DM 300mn on refurbishment to return it to its former glory.

If the sight of all that energy doesn't leave you exhausted, Leipzig is worth a visit: for business, for pleasure or for both.

Unification: A Chronicle

1989: January 15 Demonstrators in Leipzig call for freedom of speech.

September 11 Hungary opens border to West. 15,000 East Germans escape via Austria.

November 4/5 Mass demonstrations in East Berlin pressure the regime to open the borders on November 9.

November 28 Chancellor Kohl presents ten-point reunification programme.

1990: July 1 The West German Deutschmark becomes the official currency of East Germany.

October 3 GERMANY IS REUNITED.

December 2 United Germany goes to the polls.

1991: January 17 The Bundestag elects Helmut Kohl as first Chancellor of United Germany.

March 15 The Soviet Union ratifies Unification Treaty already approved by Britain, France and USA. Germany's sovereignty is formally recognised.

June 20 The Bundestag votes for Berlin as the seat of Government and Parliament.

1994: May 23 Roman Herzog replaces Richard von Weizsäcker as German President.

August 31 Russian troops withdraw from German soil. Eight days later, British, French and American troops leave Berlin.

1995: May 8 Germany and the four allies commemorate the end of hostilities in Europe fifty years ago.

October 3 Today, Germans celebrate five years of unity.

Five years after German unification, **Roger Boyes** reports on how east is finally meeting west

Unity yields its fruit

Striding through the heavy drizzle, shielded by bodyguards with oversize umbrellas, Chancellor Kohl looked particularly pleased with himself on a short trip to Cottbus the other day.

The city is on the eastern fringe of Germany, close to the Polish border, and it has just put on a garden show with rolling lawns and great swaths of colour. The German leader had come to bless a flower, the big bulbous (but unfortunately red) Chancellor Kohl Rose. Herr Kohl was satisfied not only because he likes plants (they don't talk back) but because five years after unification one of his most memorable promises has taken shape. After the Berlin Wall fell, Herr Kohl pledged to the nervous east Germans that by 1995 their region would be a "blossoming landscape".

The promise is being honoured not only in the Cottbus park. Elsewhere, too — new factories, in and around the high street — the rhetorical phrase is coming to life. Of course, eastern cities still have drab, pitted faces; unemployment is high and the best part of a generation, the 40 to 50-year-olds, feel stranded by the market revolution. But the visitor to the east can feel a rare dynamism, a vibrancy not always evident in the west.

The German economy is set to grow by 2.9 per cent this year — but in the east it will surge forward by 9 per cent. Incomes are rising and in most sectors are between 75 and 80 per cent of western wages. Since living costs are still much lower than in the west, life has become easier. In Munich, a bread roll costs 60 pfennigs, a glass of beer DM5, but in eastern Schwerin a better-tasting roll will cost half as much and the beer is DM3 a glass.

Companies born in the rubble of the planned economy are becoming competitive. More important, perhaps, the east Germans have overcome their initial bitterness and bewilderment about the terms of unification and have emerged as more self-confident.

Sit in one of the new cafés in Leipzig's shopping boulevard — aluminium tables, rubber plants and astonishingly polite service — and you will hear the rumble of moaning of thirty-year-olds. But they are grumbling about corruption in German football clubs, about the crime rate, about the cost of central heating; the edgy comments about western colonisation of the east (so frequently heard in 1991-92) have been replaced by a thoroughly democratic culture of complaint.

Westerners and easterners grumble about the same things, not about each other. That is a kind of progress. And, privately, many east Germans will tell you: yes, it has worked out. They have understood a simple fact — the still tenacious problems of eastern Germany are the result of 45 years of Communist rule and mismanagement, not of the past five years of unity.

Unification winners include local hairdressers and the owners of petrol stations (one of the great unsung success stories of unification is the way that east German consumers have switched wholesale to unleaded petrol). There are self-starters who have established computer training schools. Craftsmen who have moved quickly to fill the gap left by the years of over-planned economics, doctors, dentists, vets and electricians. "Anyone who can survive the current east German competition is more than fit enough for western capitalism," Rüdiger Pohl, of the Institute of Economic Research in Halle, says.

In some sectors the competition is almost cut-throat. Car salesmen, video and television rental firms, small construction companies crash quickly, to be replaced by stronger, more efficient rivals.

Productivity is still lagging a long way behind the west. But in the large new factories — Opel in Eisenach, the Siemens micro-chip plant in Dresden — it is catching up quickly. And the big government contracts for infrastructural projects in the east are more than just a drain on the budget; they are already beginning to transform the region. Telecommunications engineers for example have been laying state-of-the-art glass-fibre cables — in the west most phone lines use copper cable.

The mere existence of yellow telephone booths on street corners is regarded as something of a miracle by easterners who well remember the problems of making a phone connection. The new power stations of the east are safe and clean (pollution levels have dropped dramatically in the past five years). Sewage filtration plants, newly built, are far more efficient than those in the west.

The dynamism of the east raises two important questions. First, how far should the east be pushed into uniformity with the west? Second, how far has the energy and cost (DM1,000 billion over the past five years) of unification distracted from the need to reform the western institutions which have been simply expanded to include the 17 million new citizens?

"Perfect equality or uniformity of the Germans cannot be achieved and is in any case not desirable," says Ilse Spittman, a veteran observer of the east Germans. For the past five years, the east Germans have been studied almost microscopically to see how quickly they are becoming "westerners". The number of television sales and video rentals, the frequency of double glazing — all this, and far more is gathered and stored by the Government.

Yet nowadays the easterners rarely see themselves as "easterners". An opinion poll in Saxony in May this year showed that half the respondents regarded themselves primarily as Saxons, a third primarily as Germans, and only a fifth as east Germans or "Ossis".

Regionalism is the key to understanding the present process of unification. The differences between east and west Germans will always be more interesting than the convergences. Above all they highlight the weakness of western institutions.

In a survey by the Allensbach Institute (March 1995), pollsters found that 73 per cent of east Germans thought there was no true equality before the law in Germany. 76 per cent felt insufficiently protected by the police (compared with 44 per cent of the sampled westerners). 60 per cent were unhappy with the performance of the courts. Another poll showed that 87 per cent of east Germans thought the old East German state treated women better, that the Communists had a better social security system and that education and housing problems were better managed under Erich Honecker.

West Germans are shocked when they hear these results: they interpret the criticism as a blanket rejection of German unity. But all the surveys since 1990 have shown a thumping majority in the east in favour of unity. No, the uncomfortable fact is that the western system which "won" the Cold War was far from perfect, and was overdue for reform.

East Germans, the Ossis, are wrongly being accused of ingratitude when they point out the shortcomings of the west, they are merely seeing things from a different and perhaps clearer perspective.

The decisive moment will come in 1998 when the seat of government shifts to Berlin. The step eastwards will also be a time of critical self-examination.

One thing is for certain: the tenth anniversary of German unity will be celebrated in a different context. "In the year 2000," an official told me only half in jest, "we will all be Ossis. And you know what? I'm quite looking forward to it."



On October 3, 1990, one million people converged at the Brandenburg Gate to celebrate the end of Communist rule in East Germany



Helmut Kohl headed east to see the new rose bearing his name

Is Germany competitive?

The first unified Germany, Bismarck's modern European power, swiftly developed into a great exporting nation. An obsession with quality and reliable service, a heavy industry that quickly integrated new techniques, hundreds of small companies willing to exploit market niches, inventors such as Diesel and Daimler: all this compensated for Germany's lack of a colonial empire.

Germany, unified again, is still in the major league of exporters. Now, however, it is also a top exporter of jobs. German car manufacturers are building assembly plants in South America, the United States, China and Eastern Europe. German capital goods manufacturers are setting up factories in South-East Asia and the Middle East. Smaller engineering companies are expanding production in other European countries such as Italy. Siemens has chosen to site its new microchip factory not in Dresden but in Newcastle. Mercedes-Benz is constructing its energy-saving car in France. Bayer, Hoechst and Grundig are all busily building plants abroad.

Is Germany becoming less attractive and less competitive? Certainly wage costs and social contributions are the highest in Europe. "If you ask a Japanese car manufacturer why he prefers producing in Great Britain rather than Germany, his arguments will be low social contributions, a flexible wage system, favourable taxes and lower environmental standards," says Hans Peter Stihl, chairman of the German Chamber of Commerce, who is a loud lobbyist for structural reform.

However, the shift of production abroad is not a disturbing trend at all, he says; it is merely a logical competitive response. Factories set up in Eastern Europe operate at a fraction of the German wage costs and they open up new markets; German products are beginning to dominate central Europe. German plants in the United States have to some degree overcome the effects of the mark-dollar exchange rate. And the high wage costs alone do not blunt Germany's competitive edge.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in a recent analysis, worked out that German labour costs account for only a quarter of the total value of manufactured goods. Many non-labour costs have been pushed down over the past few years since unification. For the time being, at least, the "made-in-Germany" label keeps Germany's exports surging ahead. The quality of brand leaders such Mercedes, BMW, Siemens and Grundig sways customer opinion and persuades him to dig deeper into his pocket. Smaller engineering companies have important niches in machine tools, precision instruments and other industrial equipment markets; in those areas reliability, accurate delivery times and prompt servicing count for more than price comparisons.

Yet most economists agree that all is not as it should be in German commerce. The recession of the early 1990s started politicians thinking hard about reform. Frantic attempts at reform were made. Tax cuts were announced, some manufacturers have begun experimenting with shorter but more flexible working weeks. There are serious attempts under way to cut social spending and public debt. The privatisation plans for the German rail and postal services have drawn praise.

But as economic recovery took hold, so the energy ebbed. Nowadays it is very difficult to get German politicians to address these structural problems. How, for example, is the Government to tackle the country's flagging spirit of innovation? In 1980, Germany was second only to the US in terms of registered patents. The US registered 18,313, Germany logged 14,387 and Japan 11,822. By 1990 Japan had overtaken Germany (America: 27,488; Japan: 21,140; and Germany: 14,421). Cynics say Germany is indeed a great exporter — of 19th-century products. It is lagging far behind on the technologies that will dominate the 21st century; in particular, telecommunications and computers.

This criticism, however, misses the point. Germany may be rigid in some ways but it has proved remarkably adept at integrating new technologies into its products. German workers learn quickly and their engineers are excellent at adapting factory work systems. This, rather than the brilliant backroom inventor, has become Germany's competitive strength in Europe.

Germany is not on the beginning of a long-term decline. It will be giving its neighbours a run for their money well into the next century.

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The "made-in-Germany" label keeps its exports surging ahead

Who will be the leaders of tomorrow's federal republic?

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has promised to step down in 1998. Who will take his place after the country's general election?



Up-and-coming Germans: Joachim Gauck, left, Heide Simonis, Jürgen Rüttgers and Claudia Nolte

JOACHIM GAUCK is a Protestant pastor with a political mission: to unravel the intimate history of East Germany's Communist past.

The 55-year-old is in charge of sifting through more than 180km of dossiers compiled by the Stasi, the East German secret police. It is a thankless but politically powerful task and it surprised some that Herr Gauck last month asked to carry on the vetting for another five years.

Chancellor Kohl, who approved the extension of his mandate, was not surprised: Herr Gauck is a driven man. His father, a sea captain from Rostock, was arrested by Soviet agents in 1949 and sentenced to 25 years' hard labour. As a priest in Rostock in the 1980s, Herr Gauck was vehemently anti-Communist. His parish became the centre of the local peace and human rights movement.

There is pressure on Herr Gauck now to seal the archives or even to set them ablaze; the steady trickle of secrets about who denounced whom can only poison political life and drive a wedge between east and west, say the critics.

Herr Gauck knows otherwise. "There is nothing more important for a nation than establishing the truth about itself." One million people have requested access to their files and half a million requests have been processed over the past five years.

Herr Gauck will be a busy man until the year 2000 — unless, as is rumoured, he runs as a candidate in the 1998 election. Suggested job: Germany's Minister of Truth.

WHO CAN beat Helmut Kohl in the 1998 general election? The official rival is Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrat leader, but he seems to be dying a death by a thousand pinpricks as various party chieftains jostle for his job. An unusual and yet credible alternative is just beginning to emerge: Heide Simonis, the 52-year-old Prime Minister of Schleswig Holstein.

First, she has to win a state election next March. After that, the witty fast-talker could well throw her hat in the ring. She taught German in Zambia and Japan before going into politics and has developed a reputation as a hard-headed economic policymaker. She has shaken up the civil service in her northern state and is feared by the public service union as a formidable negotiator.

Male deputies snigger about her fashion sense — she wears big floppy hats that virtually cover her long, bespectacled face and she tends to wear between eight or ten rings on her fingers. "Knuckle dusters," her critics say. She replies: "So long as I understand something about economics, I can indulge in any fashion fad I want."

TIPPED as a possible successor to Chancellor Kohl, 44-year-old Jürgen Rüttgers has an appropriate title: Minister of the Future. He is a trained lawyer but he has quickly mastered his brief to restore Germany's innovative edge. His official portfolio covers education, science, research and technology. His interests are broad — from space exploration to holographic art — and he has a shrewd understanding of his Christian Democrat party.

The Chancellor likes his cool analyses of party mechanics (based partly on his experience as a whip) and they have a personal relationship which some compare to that of a doctoral supervisor with his bright young student.

He has admirers even on the opposition benches. The Greens, despite their traditional distaste for and distrust of technology, talk well about the pipe-smoking Roman Catholic from Cologne.

The Christian Democrats have to solve the riddle of how to replace Herr Kohl if, as promised, he steps down in 1998. If the party decides to skip a generation — the ambitious 50-year-olds who have grown old waiting for Kohl to retire — the crown could end up on Dr Ruttgers's well-regarded head.

NOBODY was surprised in Germany when a diminutive 29-year-old woman ended up in a Bangkok brothel. Claudia Nolte, Rostock-born Family Minister, is famous for her tenacity and research.

She used the United Nations Woman's Conference in Peking recently to carry out some research in the region into the exploitation of Asian women and child prostitution. Frau Nolte is a devout Roman Catholic and zealous opponent of abortion. This causes her some political problems, even from the liberal wing of her party, but she is either too young or too shrewd to take much notice. In any case, she enjoys the favour of the Chancellor, who couldn't believe his luck; after problems with a string of east German Christian Democrats, he has at last found someone who can speak for easterners, for women, for young people and who is nonetheless at one with the Catholic roots of the party.

She has come under fire for neglecting her three-year-old son, who is cared for mainly by her husband. That pressure has eased since the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, recently became the father of a son. "I would like to know," asked Frau Nolte with tongue in cheek, "how he manages to combine paternity with a political career."

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Manager of the month makes the most from newcomers to Premiership

Value-for-money deals bring success in ITF

The leading ITF (Interactive Team Football) manager in September showed remarkable foresight in his team selection. Mr K James, from Abbeymead, in Gloucestershire, wins £500 as the first manager of the month in the state-of-the-art football game introduced this season by *The Times* in association with Sky Sports.

Mr James accumulated 160 points from some clever purchases. The most difficult clubs to assess when building an ITF side are those new to the FA Carling Premiership. It is often worth considering a striker from a promoted club — Fabian De Freitas, of Bolton Wanderers, has been popular among ITF managers — as they come relatively cheaply and cannot directly give you negative points through weak performances. However, buying into the defence of a promoted club is another matter altogether, with the threat of the type of defensive collapse hanging over them that hit Swindon Town after promotion.

Bolton are already exhibiting early signs of promotion leakage, having conceded 18 goals already this season. Middlesbrough, however, are not only holding their own but, along with Newcastle United, at present have the best defensive record in the Premiership, having conceded only four goals.

Full marks then to Mr James for buying Gary Walsh, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, and Nigel Pearson, the Middlesbrough central defender. Both have Premiership experience, of course, having been transferred from Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday respectively and they will no doubt feature strongly in more ITF teams as transfers are made.

Walsh and Pearson together cost £1.5 million, which left Mr James with cash to spare for the purchase of the more-established Premiership defenders, Lee Dixon and Rob Jones. Mr James's side in full comprises: Gary Walsh (Middlesbrough), Lee Dixon (Arsenal), Rob Jones (Liverpool), Mark Wright (Liverpool), Nigel Pearson (Middlesbrough), Chris Waddle (Sheffield Wednesday), Trevor Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), Steve Stone (Nottingham Forest), Ian Woan (Nottingham Forest), Dwight Yorke (Aston Villa), Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur). This astute line-up is managed by Kevin Keegan, who although expensive at £4 million is proving a much better buy than Ray Harford, who cost £5 million.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week. You must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget.

The ITF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership during the season are available for transfer.

There are several rules to follow when making a transfer:

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You may make up to (but no more than) two transfers a week.

A player transferred out of your team must be replaced by a player from the same category — for example, a full back for a full back — so that the formation of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager is maintained.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of *The Times*, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and Richard Sneekes, a Dutchman who plays for Bolton Wanderers, gives his selection on the opposite page and has picked a team of English-based foreign players.

All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win *and* lose you points.

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Pearson, left, is ready to rise to the challenge for Middlesbrough, in the FA Carling Premiership, and Kevins Kickers, in the ITF game

THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

IN

Code	Player	Club	Value
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	£0.50

OUT

There are no transfers out of the ITF game this week

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All FA Carling Premiership and FA Cup matches in the 1995-6 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts

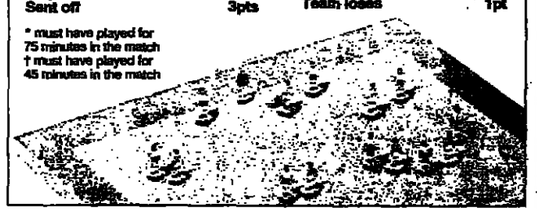
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		**Booked**	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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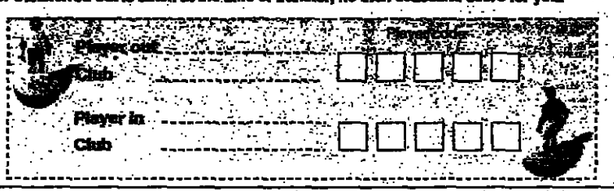
The line is open from 9am on Tuesday until 11am on Saturday; from 6pm on Saturday to 11am on Sunday and from 6pm on Sunday until 3pm on Monday. If there are midweek matches, the lines will also close at 3pm on the day of the match (or matches) and re-open the following day at 6am.

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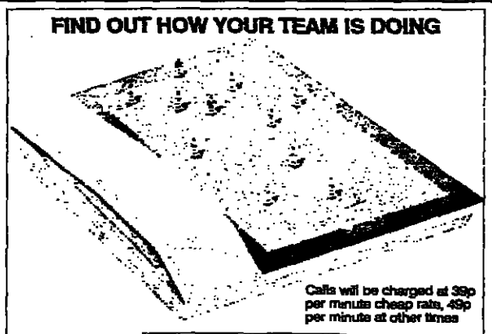
Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The score of the player transferred out is taken at the time of transfer; he then ceases to score for you.



THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	163
2	Bennell United	(R Barham)	162
3	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	158
=4	Twilighlight United	(P C Dilworth)	156
=4	Phyclic T V	(T Vardy)	156
6	The Subjugators	(M P Ayres)	154
=7	Triple Peelers	(J B Portwood)	153
=7	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadlson)	153
=7	Gohils Gods 65	(Mr B Gohil)	153
10	Not Got A Chance	(M Clark)	152
=11	Supervillans	(R Hassell)	151
=11	The Cutting Edge	(Mr A Weston)	151
13	Mean Machine	(Ramesh Patel)	150
14	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	149
=15	Rowles Supers	(P Sutton)	148
=15	Waters Wanderers	(Waters Wanderers)	148
=15	The Conjurers	(Mr D J Farmer)	148
=15	Loxton's Longshots	(C Loxton)	148
=15	Bora in Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	148
=15	No Defence Ok	(J B Portwood)	148
=21		(P Hanna)	147
=21	Finnbarps Return	(K Devlin)	147
=21	Dreamer Fitup	(Mr G Wesson)	147
=21	Tommy Cockles X I	(Mr P Johnson)	147
=21	The Crucial Eleven	(A Stroud)	147
=26	Jones Boys Six	(M L Jones)	146
=25	Ashford Borough	(Mr W Donoghue)	146
=28	KBT UTD	(R Patterson)	145
=28	Dirty Boogers	(G Fallowfield)	145
=28	The Butler	(S Umerjee)	145
=28	Wahtley Wanderers	(S D Whatley)	145
=28	P S V Betamix	(A Mc Cole)	145
=28	Misfits Pathetic	(Mrs J A Grainger)	145
=29	Cara's Hotshots	(C Carnese)	145
=35	Mighty Men 1	(C Marshall)	145
=35	Mens Mates 20	(Mr M Hibzi)	145
=35	Holte End Heroes	(Mrs S Casley)	145
=35	Andys Athletic	(A R Howse)	145
=35	Chach Association	(A Bahadur)	145
=35	My Cat Bailey	(Mr P Johnson)	145
=35	Annette's Answers	(A Smith)	145
=35	P S D Eleven	(P Desai)	145
=35	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	145
=35	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	145
=45	Severn Legal	(M Moore)	144
=45	Oh Nicky Evans	(Mr P Johnson)	144
=45	Beckys Babes	(D J Ready)	144
=48	Hope FC	(M Betts)	143
=48	A Team	(A James)	143
=48	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	143
=48	The Premier Raiders 1	(Miss C Ella)	143
=48	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	143
=48	Than United	(N Giddings)	143
=48	Edprops United	(R Edmondson)	143
=48	Warbreck Misfits	(C Lang)	143
=48	Disaster Area	(S Pottage)	143
=48	Phayco And Smither	(K Booth)	143
=58	Ohsse	(R Matthewson)	142
=58	Staves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	142
=58	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	142
=58	The Black Knights	(R A Green)	142
=58	Stirling Villains	(M Sacks)	142
=58	Jonathans Jems	(J Ludge)	142
=58	Poundspring Pupils	(J Platter)	142
=65	Rovers FC	(D Summerhill)	141
=65	Moorside Farm	(G Dallimore)	141
=65	Hiranic 1st 11	(R Hirani)	141
=65	Incetta	(B Daly)	141
=65	L	(L Brown)	141

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
=65	Mac United	(T McCluskey)	140
=65	Dave's Dribblers	(D Hart)	140
=65	Rowena Rangers	(T Hodgkinson)	140
=65	The Warbirds	(K Anwar)	140
=65	Gohils Gods 34	(Mr R Gohil)	140
=65	Robaniel Town	(M A Barnes)	140
=65	Al's Alsorans	(A Hancock)	144
=65	Long Live The Queen	(L Wilson)	144
=65	Sporting Sliders	(K Doughty)	144
=65	No Hopers	(S Harris)	144
=65	Shrimpy	(D Collier)	144
=81	Fudgels Foulers	(I Abu Hejleh)	144
=81	Stanley Lions	(A Boyd)	144
=81	Inter Red Dragon	(D Williams)	144
=81	Crystal Eagles	(Mr B Brock)	144
=81	Effortless Achievers	(A West)	144
=81	The Assassinators	(M Tapper)	143
=81	Jackpot For Shaw	(Mr D Shaw)	143
=81	The Tommy Knockers	(K Angove)	143
=81	Barnard Pie	(P Lovatt)	142
=81	Wolves Of Fenrie	(S Adamson)	142
=81	Creme De La Prem	(Mr C Tesseras)	142
=81	They're Here	(Mr P Johnson)	142
=81	Lobbys Losers	(Mr P Johnson)	142
=81	Mams Ranua F C	(J Andreas)	142
=81	The Evil Eyes	(D Collier)	142
=81	Francis Caldwell F C	(F Caldwell)	142
=81	Rooks Rovers	(S Rook)	142
=81	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	142
=81	Gary's Heroes	()	141
=81	Dennis Dynamos 2	(H Francis)	141
=101	Scud 4	(P Hymas)	141
=101	Gary Pearce	(G D Pearce)	141
=101	Lynnes Line Up	(L Roxworthy)	141
=101	Newsun	(P Gerry)	141
=101	Firefly City	(I Harrison)	140
=101	Special Mode	(S Newman)	140
=101	Ramsey Rovers	(P Hill)	140
=101	Barnet F C	(Mr P Johnson)	140
=101	Len's Utd	(N Laine)	140
=101	Newcastle Browns 2	(S MacLennan)	140
=101	Champions 1995-96	(S Mc Gill)	138
=101	Richard's Raiders	(R Leach)	138
=101	Twinkletoes Two	(J Brown)	138
=114	Ace F C	(M R Nightingale)	137
=114	Zinc Alloys	(D Rooney)	137
=114	Sparky	(M Radcliffe)	137
=114	Tunde United	(Dr T Adetunji)	137
=114	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	137
=114	Woodside Boys	(L Atkin)	137
=114	Gregs Eleven	(G Coward)	137
=114	Map 6	(M Priestley)	137
=114	Step's Super Squad	(T Shepherd)	137
=114	Lancers United	(Mr M M Kirkwood)	137
=114	Burnley Bounce Back	(L McNally)	137
=114	Happy Wanderers	(Mr T Naughton)	137
=114	Elm Park Aphids	(Mr J M S Petty)	137
=114	Runnys Rovers	(M Biggs)	137
=114	The Bacon Slicers	(B Reed)	137
=114	A C Avengers	(A Coulter)	137
=114	Murpheys Law	(C Wright)	137
=114	Yip Man Rovers	(M Garner)	137
=132	Charnaymia	(P Robson)	136
=132	McDiamonds	(C Stevenson)	136
=132	Arda FC	(S McConnell)	136
=132	Portrush Rovers	(W J Harris)	136
=132	Eaton Forgers	(M Davison)	136
=132	Willington United	(W Liu)	136
=132	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	136
=132	Treacle Heros	(S Hardie)	136
=132	Zeppas Allstars	(Mr S Williams)	136
=132	Unlikely Lads	(S Cox)	136
=132	Black August	(Mr D J Hornsby)	136
=132	Buster The Dog	(S Hill)	136
=132	Geordie Jackpot	(P Nesbitt)	136
=132	Freedom X I	(P Mennie)	136
=132		(J Nicholl)	136
=132	Dyfanmyrr Mali	(D R Owen)	136
=132	Map 5	(M Priestley)	136
=132	Jinxed Utd	(N Coles)	136
=132	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	136
=132	Real Athletic	(Mrs G Keynes)	136
=132	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr P Johnson)	136
=132	Distant Orient	(J Clay)	136
=132	Oh There It Is !	(P Jones)	136
=132	Razor's Raiders	(R A Knowles)	136
=132	Roker Rovers	(D Milbourn)	136
=132	T L T Utd	(PM Lucas)	136
=132	Straw Voles	(H Brasher)	136
=132	Martinets 5	(T Martin)	136
=132	Fingers Crossed	(CH Poppleton)	136
=132	Robsredhotrovers	(R Cook)	136
=162	MGM	(M Morgan)	135
=162	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	135
=162	Goodies 3rds	(J Goodman)	135
=162	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	135
=162	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	135
=162	The Doug Hutches	(M Stacey)	135
=162	PBFC	(P Blyth)	135
=162	Woodlands Park	(C Austin)	135
=162	Harrington Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	135
=162	Maggie's Marvels	(M Welsh)	135
=162	The X Men	(M Walker)	135
=162	Hotpies	(A Cornick)	135
=162	Les Gagnants	(P Crosby)	135
=162		(K Bowman)	135
=162	Nayim From Halfway	(Mr J Langton)	135
=162	Porn Stars 3	(D Jones)	135
=162	Papa 'New Guines'	(G Hudson)	135
=162	Be Seeing You	(Mr P Johnson)	135
=162	Henry Hilda	(Mr T Thompson)	135
=162	Nork Wanderers	(S Islam)	135
=162	Royle's Rangers	(P M Evans)	135
=162	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	135
=162	The Jaldes	(M J Adams)	135
=162	Petrol Rovers	(K Felton)	135
=162	Dooley And Co	(T Robson)	135
=162	Donney's Dream	(H Matthews)	135
=162	Teddy Five	(Mr B Bear)	135
=162	Garlic Bread	(D Collier)	135
=162	Petes Collection	(Mr B Mudd)	135
=162	Martinets 4	(T Martin)	135
=192	Maxs Marvels	(Max Watson)	134
=192	Blackpearls	(W Gayle)	134
=192	Broon Ale Bombers	(S McTaggart)	134
=192	Sky Interactivo	(I.T Smith)	134
=192	Benadah Utd	(Mr M Strickland)	134
=192	The Red Hot XI	(M Furniss)	134
=192	Havoc F C	(M Vokes)	134
=192	Tyes Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	134
=192	Venn Diagram Utd	(R Cassells)	134
=192	Some Hope Utd	(A Burnett)	134
=192	Goals Please	(A Gooch)	134
=192	Wallace & Gromit F C	(Mr S Hyame)	134
=192	Sharon's Buds.	(Mr D Conroy)	134
=192	Partizan Beograd I	(Mr D Stojkovic)	134
=192	The Tannan Cometh	(Mr P Ashoka)	134
=192	Somersetshire F C	(M Smith)	134
=192	Plymouth Panthers	(G Rutlin)	134
=192	Dream On 2	(A Close)	134
=192	Watling Warriors	(P Shanks)	134
=192	Fantasy Flops?	(I Nield)	134
=192	Robbie's Rovers	(R Dick)	134
=192	Raving Roosters	(T Hall)	134
=192	I F K Bestingbury	(J Gage)	134
=192	Sharpey's Superstars	(Mr A Sharples)	134
=192	Emm's Gemm's	(E Bennett)	134
=217	Einsteins Eleven	(S Muggridge)	133
=217	Netbusters	(C B Mitchell)	133
=217	Partisans	(E Donald)	133
=217	Buckley City	(M H Buckley)	133
=217	Martensen	(M Simmonds)	133
=217	Novocastrians	(E Donald)	133
=217		(I Kilkenny)	133
=217		(E Scott)	133
=217	Real Hangover	(Tim Thomas)	133
=217	Redcar	(G Thompson)	133
=217	The Dream of 67	(P Hawkins)	133
=217	MCFC	(M Close)	133
=217	Staves Lions 2	(S Brewer)	133
=217	Nanou	(G Bahdjejian)	133
=217	Weldon Wanderers F C	(S Lee)	133
=217	The Rising Storm	(Mr D J Hornsby)	133
=217	I Need Another $10m	(R Woolley)	133
=217	Ipswich Hopefuls	(N Fox)	133
=217	Dickys Destroyers	(Mr R Dickinson)	133
=217	Bay Horse Reserves	(G Plews)	133
=217	The Specialists	(J Mays)	133
=217	S B N 1	(B Sutcliff)	133
=217	F C Vinnie	(J Coward)	133
=217	Shrewdheaddies	(D Frail)	133
=217	The Otters	(O Miller)	133
=217	Smith Must Score 95	(I Smith)	133
=217	Percy Pussy Cats	(P Trzcinski)	133
=217	Last Lot	(NF Smith)	133
=217	Strikforce 33	(C O'Gara)	133
=217	Chas Turnips	(Mr N Hemming)	133
=217	Good-Time Boys	(R P Crook)	133
=217	Lively Ludlovians	(H Milner)	133
=217	Paterssonians	(J Paterson)	133
=217	Barrys Army	(JP Barry)	133

The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option

10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	-3	-22
10102	R Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-3	-5
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+5	-2
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-3	+6
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	+5	+2
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	[illegible]
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	[illegible]	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11202	V Bertram	Arsenal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-3	-6
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	0	-16
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-5	-6
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	-5	-22
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	-5	-16
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	+5	+14
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	+5	+13
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-1	-28
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	-1	-5
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	-1	-3
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	0	0
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	-1	-5
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	-1	+1
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	+4	+9
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+4	+8
20303	A-I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+11
20402	S-I Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	-1	+11
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+8
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+6
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0	-3
20504	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
20602	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-4
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-8
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	0
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-3
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-2
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+1	0
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	0
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	-4	-7
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	-2	-2
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-2
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	0	-2
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	0	+3
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+7
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	+4	+11
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+12
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+13
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21301	D Petrescu	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	+1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+4
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	-1
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	0	-2
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0	-6
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	-1
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+6
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	-2	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0	0
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	0	-4
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-7
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	0	-8
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	0	-7
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	-3	-5
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	+4	+16
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	+4	+4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	+4	+15
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21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	+4	+14
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+11
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-9
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-10
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	-10
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	-2	-2
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	-2	-1
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	0
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	-1	+5
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	-1	+3
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0	0
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+4	+6
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+4	+3
30303	C Tiler	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	-1	+10
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	-1	+9
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	-1	-1
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0	+9
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	+4	+11
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	+3	+7
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0	-1
30504	D O'Leary	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+1
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0	0
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
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30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-3
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-2	-2
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+1	-1
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	0
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	+1	0
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	+1	+1
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+3
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	-2	-1
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	-2	-7
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-6
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	+4	+10
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
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31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	-2
31201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0	+17
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	-1	+13
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	-1	+9
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	+2
31302	A Pearce	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-2	+2
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	0	-7
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	-6
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
31404	S Webster	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	-3	+3
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	-2	+2
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	0	-4
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0	-2
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-2
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	-3	-11
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	-3	-5
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	-2	-6
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+16
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+10
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	+3	+13
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+19
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+14
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-11
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0



Sneekes believes that foreign imports will raise the standard of play generally in the FA Carling Premiership

Receiving foreign aid

Richard Sneekes, a Dutch midfield player for Bolton, makes his ITF selections

MY TEAM is called Foreign United, for obvious reasons. I started out by wanting to select a team entirely of Dutch players but that did not work out so well. I had no full backs and three or four centre forwards, so I had to drop a few.

Then I started to pick some other foreign players and that made my team. But I still had a problem. I needed one more full back but I was running out of money. I wanted to get Bjornebye, from Liverpool, but he cost £3 million and I only had £1 million left so I went for Neil Cox, from Middlesbrough, the only Englishman in my team. It was all a bit of fun really, I just wanted to see what I could do with my £35 million.

It's not difficult to pick out my star player — that has to be Ruud Gullit — although I do think I've got good value for my money with all my players. Gullit has meant so much to Dutch football; he's played at the highest level in Holland and in Italy and he's won everything except the World Cup. At 33 he's still showing what he can do.

It's refreshing to see him play a sweeper's role at Chelsea, it makes a change in English football. In Holland I've played for Ajax, Vollendam and Fortuna Sittard. I played against Gullit when he was in that role for PSV Eindhoven and because he likes to go forward it leaves some holes in defence, sure, but the things he does and the way he shows in attack make him a great player. His teams allow him to make a few mistakes in defence because there are so many advantages to his play.

Although I haven't been following my team too closely — I've been too busy with my own football to worry about them — it was good to see Dennis Bergkamp score his first goals. Good for him and good for me to get a few points. Because he did so well in pre-season matches, against Swedish opposition, people expected him to repeat that level of performance straight away in the Premiership, but it isn't always that easy.

As a foreign player coming to England it takes time to settle. It takes time to adapt even just to the pace of the game. On the Continent you can play the ball around and wait for an opportunity but if you do that here the spectators start shouting at you. If a club pays £3 million, £4 million or £5 million for a player they expect to be paid back immediately. The clubs and the fans don't care about your wife and kids, about adapting to a new language and a new culture, they just want to see you win. And as a foreign player I think the fans expect more of you than of an English player.

But football in England has always been attractive. On the Continent they always used to think of the British as kick-and-rush players, that they didn't have anyone who could play the ball. Of course that isn't true, you only have to look at guys like Ryan Giggs to see that. But I think the clubs want to change that image.

And maybe the foreign players will have an effect on the English. Look at Newcastle — who doesn't want to imitate Ginola? In five or ten years I think you will see more players like that around in England, so maybe Foreign United will do some good.

SNEEKES'S TEAM

Goalkeeper: H Segers (Wimbledon) £1.5m
Full backs: M Hottiger (Newcastle) £3m
N Cox (Middlesborough) £1m
Centre backs: M Vonk (Manchester City) £1m
K Monkou (Southampton) £1.5m
Midfielders: R Gullit (Chelsea) £4m
G Helder (Arsenal) £4m
O Leonhardsen (Wimbledon) £2.5m
A Limpar (Everton) £2.5m
Strikers: D Bergkamp (Arsenal) £7.5m
B Roy (Nottingham Forest) £8m
Manager: R McFarland (Bolton Wanderers) £0.5m

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+1	+7
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+7
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+7
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40108	L Makel	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+1
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+1	+9
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	0	+7
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	+1	+13
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	+3	+10
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	0	+12
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40301	L Bohinen	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+2	+7
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+2	+4
40303	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+2	+12
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+3	+11
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+6
40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+1	+12
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	-1	+11
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+14
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40406	M Walters	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40407	N Clough	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	0
40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+3
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	+2	+11
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	+4	+15
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	0	+5
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	+2	+2
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	+3	+17
40602	R Fox	Newcastle United	6.00	0	+3
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+12
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	+2	+12
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	+1	+12
40606	S Sellars	Newcastle United	2.50	+1	+2
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	+1	+3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+6
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+3	+4
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	+1	+4
40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+3	+11
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+2	+8
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+5	+10
40804	S Hodge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+2	+10
40807	S Osborne	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+3	+5
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+3
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	+3	+16
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+5
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+10
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	+1	+3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	0	+10
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0	+8
41003	N Heaney	Southampton	2.50	0	-1
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0	+1
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0	+10
41101	D Wise	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+12
41102	R Gullit	Chelsea	4.00	+2	+13
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	+2	+9
41104	D Rocastle	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	-1	+4
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+2	+3
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0	+4
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	0	+3
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+12
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
41205	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
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41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+10
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
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41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	0
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41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+12
41401	J Moncur	West Ham United	3.00	0	+4
41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	0	+9
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	0	+5
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41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	+1	+7
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41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	+3	+12
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41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	0	+9
41608	Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	+1	+7
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1	+9
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	0	+3
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	+1	+2
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	+1	+5
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	-3	+1
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	0	+4
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	+1	+8
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+9
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+15
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+12
41804	G Fenton	Aston Villa	0.75	0	0
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+16
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	+4	+15
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	+2	+9
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	+2	+10
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+1	+3
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+1	+8
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+3
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+1	+7
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	0

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+1	+22
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+5
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+2
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+3	+3
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+1	+5
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	0	+3
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	0	+12
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	+1	+13
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	+4	+8
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+5	+22
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	0	+8
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+5
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	+3	+24
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	0	+5
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	+3	+25
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+11
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	+2	+2
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+10	+23
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+1	+5
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+2	+10
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+5
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-1
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+5	+14
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+10
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+6
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+3
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+1
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+7
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00	0	+9
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	0	+5
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51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	0	+4
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51201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	+1	+15
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	0	+11
51203	J Hartson	Arsenal	4.00	0	0
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51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	0	-3
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51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+1
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51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	+1	+12
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60701	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+6	+12
60801	R Wilkins	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+2	+4
60901	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	+6
61001	D Merrington	Southampton	1.50	0	+1
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61201	B Rioch	Arsenal	3.50	-1	+14
61301	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-1	+4
61401	H Redknapp	West Ham United	1.00	0	+1
61501	J Royle	Everton	2.00	-1	+2
61601	R Atkinson	Coventry	1.50	-1	+2
61701	A Ball	Manchester City	1.50	-1	-6
61801	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+16
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.00	+3	+14
62001	R McFarland	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-1	-2

NEWS

Brown aims to cut fuel VAT to 5%

■ Labour would make cutting VAT on fuel to 5 per cent a top priority, Gordon Brown said, challenging Kenneth Clarke to reduce the tax in the November Budget.

The Shadow Chancellor surprised the Labour conference by signalling that he would cut VAT on power to the lowest rate allowed under European Union rules — a move that would save the average family about £32 a year .....Pages 1, 6, 7

Oxford may sue private college

■ Oxford University is threatening legal action against a private college based outside the city where 15 American students have walked out claiming they were misled into believing they were joining the university. The students, who paid up to £13,290, are pursuing legal action of their own in America .....Page 1

Trimble in Dublin

David Trimble injected new life into the peace process when he became the first leader of the Ulster Unionists in 30 years to hold talks in Dublin with the Irish Prime Minister .....Page 2

Widow's house battle

A woman whose house was repossessed when her husband died has agreed a settlement of £33,493 with the building society and solicitors she blamed for making her homeless .....Page 2

Donor sperm dispute

A man whose daughter was conceived in a test tube using donor sperm is challenging a Child Support Agency claim .....Page 3

Affairs at work

Two women managers who had affairs with their married boss and who were both made redundant when the affairs ended are taking him to an industrial tribunal .....Page 3

Lottery winners

A visionary theme park in Yorkshire and a futuristic 540ft observation tower at Portsmouth are the first landmark projects to receive Lottery money from the Millennium Commission ..... Page 4

Late justice

A poll tax rioter who was filmed hurling a pole into a police car during the Trafalgar Square riots was jailed five and a half years after the event .....Page 5

Macabre trial

A macabre murder trial in which a British man is accused of chopping up a tourist using butchery skills he learned in prison opened in Singapore .....Page 8

Earthquake rescue

Civil defence workers in Dinar in western Turkey struggled to shift rubble from a town virtually destroyed by an earthquake which killed at least 57 people and injured 200..... Page 10

Nuclear fallout

France's latest nuclear test cast a pall over a European ministers' session in Luxembourg, clouding talk of an Atlantic free trade area and adding to a malaise over the Union's direction ..... Page 13

American clampdown

America has ordered its toughest security clampdown since the Gulf War to prevent reprisals over the conviction of a Muslim fundamentalist leader .... Page 12

Decaying fleet

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, has talks in Norway that may be decisive in showing how far Moscow will go to avert a catastrophe in its decaying Arctic fleet ..... Page 12

Nigeria in dock

The Nigerian Government was accused of playing games after television showed excerpts of a secret coup plot trial after sentences were commuted ... Page 13

Rider wins gold while pregnant

■ Mary King, Britain's top three-day-eventer, led Britain to the team gold at the Open European Championships in Italy without telling her teammates that she was five months pregnant. King entrusted her secret only to her family, doctor and groom, has astonished the equestrian world who watched her tackle one of the sport's toughest courses .....Page 1

ALLAN WELLER



Dudley Moore at the Guildhall School of Music yesterday — where he studied as a teenager — to announce CD and television projects

BUSINESS

Power: Southern Electric, the regional electricity company for a large chunk of Southern England, agreed to a £2.8 billion takeover bid by National Power .....Page 25

Housing: House prices inched up last month but the increase is unlikely to signal a recovery in the property market, Britain's top two building societies said .....Page 25

Telecoms: Cable and Wireless, the British based telecommunications group, is considering partnerships with the American "Baby Bell" telecoms companies to try to build up its US presence .....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 12 to 3520.2. Sterling's index rose from 84.7 to 85.2 after a rise from $1.5825 to $1.5885 and from DM2.2547 to DM2.2696.....Page 28

SPORT

Football: Les Ferdinand, of Newcastle United, and Gareth Southgate, of Aston Villa, have been included in England's 20-strong squad for the match against Norway next week ..... Page 48

Golf: Sam Torrance has been confirmed in the 12-man field for the Toyota World Match Play Championship but Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam are absent ..... Page 43

Motor racing: Nigel Mansell said that he was considering several offers. His route back into top competition seems certain to come from America ..... Page 48

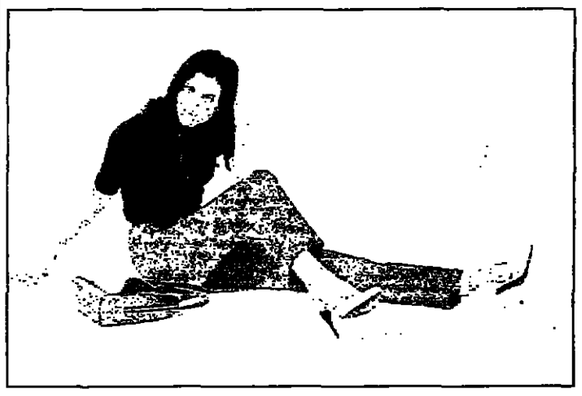
Cycling: A meeting in Manchester featuring the return to racing of the Olympic champion Chris Boardman, has been cancelled because of poor ticket sales ..... Page 48

Not so miserable now: Despite a scathing reception from most critics, the musical *Les Misérables* survived, prospered, and this week celebrates ten years in the West End .....Page 34

Into the Shell: A plan to convert one of the Shell Buildings on the South Bank in London into a new centre for the performing arts will be launched today.....Page 34

Out of Africa: "It is time to savour the art of Africa in its own right," writes Richard Cork, after visiting the superb new Royal Academy show.....Page 35

Pioneer returns: At the age of 70, the pioneering British choreographer Robert Cohan has never been busier.....Page 36



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British fashion at its best: winning winter clothes with style at every price level

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A new competition starts in Interface, the *Times* guide to new technology

Nigella Lawson: The Labour Party must be honest enough to recognise that child benefit must be done away with .....Page 15

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the joint ache which surfaces in the autumn .....Page 14

Bitter pill: Are the newer, expensive antidepressants better than the older, cheaper type? .....Page 14

Out in the open: If judges have private vices and they become public knowledge, then they should consider resigning .....Page 39

Blossoming landscape: Was the phrase used by Chancellor Kohl to describe German unification correct? .....Page 21

President Iliescu of Romania thirsts for the international acceptance and financial rewards that come to liberal democracies, including trade privileges and membership in the European Union. They deserve no such benefits when they treat their citizens as dictators do — *New York Times*

The peace pact — ending a bloody, *28-year dispute over the West Bank* — never would have happened without US diplomatic involvement. Without continued involvement it will fall apart— *USA Today*

TV & RADIO

Preview: The surprisingly competitive world of barbershop singing is revealed in *Sound Stories* (BBC2, 8pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond ponders a curious outbreak of Cecil Parkinson jokes.....Page 47

COMMENT

Ulster's moderniser

When David Trimble was elected leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, few expected him to act as he has in recent weeks. His victory over John Taylor had been widely interpreted as a setback for the Anglo-Irish peace process..... Page 17

Mist lifts in Brighton

Yesterday, it was the turn of Gordon Brown to make his first spending commitment: a £1 billion programme to help the young and the long-term unemployed back to work, financed by as windfall tax on the utility companies.... Page 17

Is Abacha joking?

The Nigerian army's "disengagement" from government, to use the General's own intriguing vocabulary, will take place not this year, nor the next — nor even in 1997 — but on 1 October 1998..... Page 17

LIBBY PURVES

Humans want to understand human behaviour, and nothing is harder to understand than marriage. It is so mysterious that we long for living specimens to observe .....Page 16

ROGER BOYES

In Germany, the surrender of the mark and the acceptance of an inflationary European economy seems more damaging to bankers, business and the general public, than the risk that France and Germany will drift apart unless they are trussed together in a single currency .....Page 16

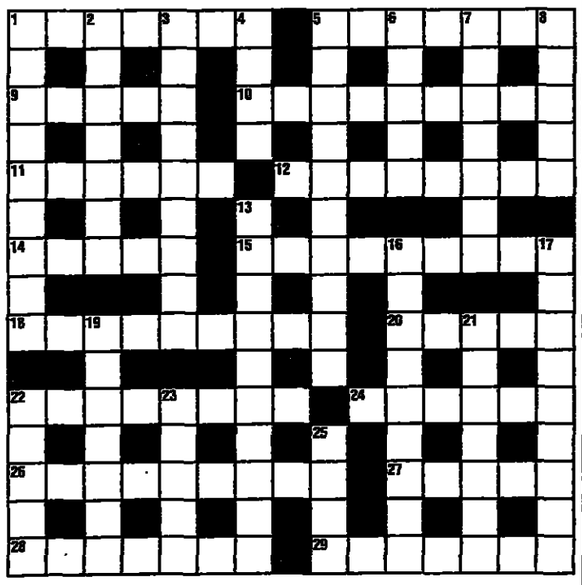
PETER RIDDELL

Gordon Brown is now back on his most authoritative form. He will be crucial to the success of any Labour Government..... Page 7

Professor Michael Balfour, historian and civil servant; **Sidney Pettle,** former beadle, West London Synagogue; **Monica Maurice,** former chairman, Wolf Safety Lamp Company.....Page 19

"Death on the Rock" verdict; scale of home ownership..... Page 17

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ACROSS

1 "Marry, it sounds like an old weapon!" (7).
5 Conspicuous stranger seen in street (7).
9 Cast's period of time in drag (5).
10 Book given support by journal (9).
11 One lives in one, but it's to be converted into half portions (6).
12 It's a disorder in a fellow's dog (8).
14 Almost set one of these bones? (5).
15 He sends up an animal to an Indian city, some say (9).
18 Greeting to fellow framing a song of the mountains (9).
20 School transport (5).
22 Many more captured put to the sword (8).
24 Pride in shrub distributed around island (6).
26 Stentor's forte, to hum, perhaps (4-5).
27 A couple of motorists in the outskirts of Bootle (5).
28 Swindled like Jacob? (7).
29 Sound fruit circulating at present (7).

DOWN

1 Woman governor's endless ordeal, caught in a demo (9).
2 Characters in New Testament; Herod in the seat of power (7).
3 *High-flyer's* account of a tropical turtle (9).
4 Work in it when climbing, for protection from the sun (4).
5 Flexible people initiated this colour magazine (10).
6 Grub from a popular Vauxhall take-away (5).
7 Peron's half of 11 is a subterfuge (7).
8 Sign of approval accepted by a number (5).
13 Perform music? It's swings and roundabouts here (10).
16 Be more than exhausted by anaesthetic (9).
17 *Resuming activity representing* northern art scene (9).
19 Poetic rhythm Shakespeare wrote for another (7).
21 Area in which a soldier is behind bars (7).
22 Islamic ruler in a western state (5).
23 Operatic heroine caught by ape (5).
25 Stylish bird without a bloke (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,975

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, and Trimgton, Somerset, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.45in, highest sunshine: Jersey, 5.2hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** northern England will have sunny spells and showers, heaviest in the west. Wales and the southwest will be cloudy with showers. Remaining parts of England will be mostly dry and bright.

Scotland will have showers, with the heaviest likely in the southwest. Northern Ireland will start with sunny spells and showers but there will be strong winds and persistent heavy rain later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind south to southwest, moderate, becoming fresh to strong later. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **W Midlands, Central N and NE England:** sunny spells and showers. Wind south to southwesterly, moderate to fresh, becoming fresh to strong. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District:** showers, becoming heavy rain later. Wind south to southwest, moderate to fresh, becoming southerly strong to gale. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** sunny spells and showers, turning to persistent rain. Wind southwesterly, moderate, becoming south to southeast, fresh to strong. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland:** sunny spells and showers. Wind south to southwesterly, moderate becoming south to southeasterly, fresh to strong later. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright with showers. Wind southwesterly, light, becoming southeasterly, moderate to fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** wet and windy in all areas, turning showery later.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

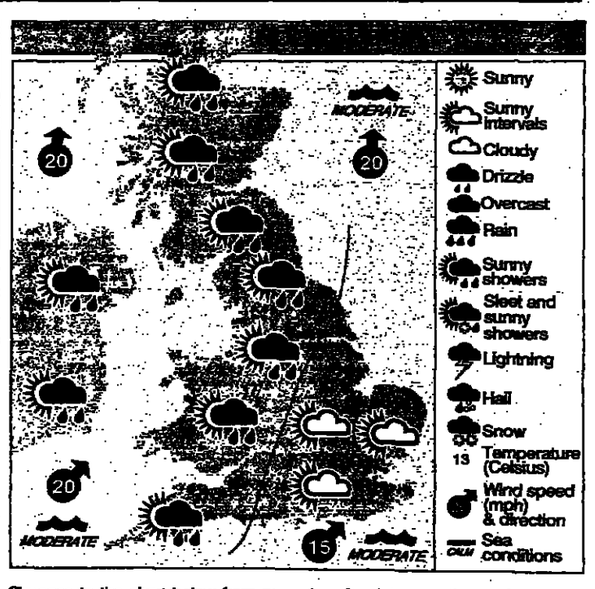
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.1	-	16	61	s	London	2.2	-	18	64	c
Anglesey	1.7	0.07	17	63	sh	Lowestoft	6.8	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	1.5	0.01	16	61	sh	Manchester	4.5	-	17	63	b
Aviemore	3.7	0.24	15	59	sh	Margate	2.0	-	17	63	du
Belfast	2.0	0.15	16	61	r	Minehead	5.3	-	20	68	s
Birmingham	4.3	-	17	63	b	Morecambe	1.0	0.03	16	61	du
Bognor R	3.2	-	18	64	c	Newcastle	3.5	0.03	18	64	sh
Bournem'th	2.8	-	18	64	b	Newquay	X	-	-	-	-
Bristol	X	-	-	-	-	Norwich	-	-	18	64	c
Buxton	2.3	-	15	59	b	Nottingham	X	-	-	-	-
Cardiff	3.4	0.01	19	66	sh	Oxford	5.3	-	18	64	b
Clacton	X	-	-	-	-	Penzance	X	-	-	-	-
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Plymouth	2.6	-	17	63	c
Colwyn Bay	5.1	-	18	64	c	Poole	4.5	-	19	66	s
Cromer	6.7	-	18	64	s	Prestatyn	X	0.01	18	64	b
Eastbourne	3.4	-	17	63	c	Ross-o-wye	2.9	-	17	63	c
Edinburgh	8.0	0.02	18	64	s	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.09	14	57	sh	Scarcombe	2.6	-	17	63	c
Exmouth	3.7	-	17	63	c	Sandown	2.7	-	18	64	c
Falmouth	X	-	-	-	-	Saunth Snd	3.1	-	18	64	b
Fishguard	3.4	0.01	17	63	sh	Scarboro'	5.2	-	17	63	s
Folkestone	1.3	0.10	16	61	r	Shanklin	2.8	-	17	63	c
Glasgow	4.8	0.59	17	63	sh	Shrewsbury	1.7	-	17	63	c
Guernsey	8.3	-	19	66	s	Skegness	5.6	0.10	19	66	s
Hastings	3.0	0.03	17	63	sh	Southend	5.3	-	19	66	b
Hayling I.	3.6	-	18	64	c	Southport	1.9	0.04	18	64	sh
Herne Bay	X	-	-	-	-	Southsea	3.0	-	17	63	c
Hove	3.0	0.01	17	63	c	St. Ives	X	-	-	-	-
Hunstanton	6.1	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	6.3	0.37	15	59	r
Ilfracombe	X	-	-	-	-	Swanage	4.7	-	18	64	b
Isle of Man	1.5	0.03	16	61	r	Teignmouth	5.9	-	18	64	b
Jersey	8.4	-	18	64	s	Tenby	3.9	-	17	63	c
Kinloss	3.2	0.01	17	63	c	Tiree	3.8	0.28	15	59	r
Leeds	4.4	0.03	18	64	r	Torquay	4.8	-	18	64	b
Lerwick	5.3	0.10	13	55	r	Tynemouth	-	0.04	17	63	c
Leuchars	4.3	0.01	18	64	b	Ventnor	3.9	-	18	64	b
Littlehmptn	3.5	-	17	63	c	West-s-mare	X	-	-	-	-
Liverpool	1.0	0.02	17	63	sh	Weymouth	3.4	-	17	63	c

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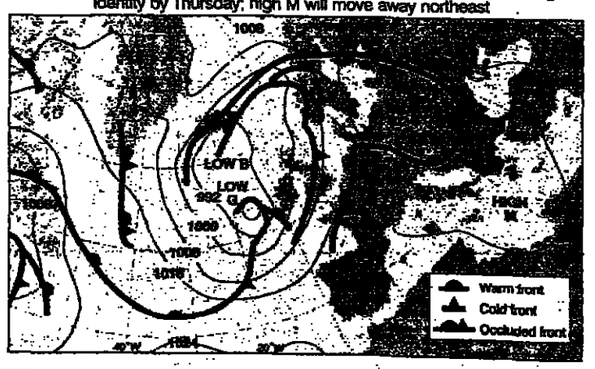
Ajaccio	23	73	f	Corfu	23	73	s	Madrid	x
Akrotiri	24	75	s	C'phagn	16	61	s	Majorca	26
Alex'dria	27	81	c	Dublin	18	64	c	Malaga	x
Algiers	29	84	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Malta	24
Amst'dm	16	61	s	Faro	24	75	f	Mett'me	15
Athens	22	72	s	Florence	22	72	c	Mexico C	21
B Aires	18	64	c	Frankfurt	17	63	f	Milan	20
Bahrain	X	-	-	Funchal	25	79	c	Montreal	21
Bangkok	29	84	c	Geneva	19	66	s	Moscow	13
Barbados	X	-	-	Gibraltar	23	73	f	Munich	18
Barcelona	25	77	s	Helsinki	9	48	c	N Delhi	34
Beirut	28	82	f	Hong K	25	77	r	N York	21
Belgrade	18	64	f	Innsbruck	16	61	s	Nairobi	22
Berlin	16	61	f	Istanbul	16	61	f	Naples	25
Bermuda	23	73	r	Jeddah	42	108	s	Nice	21
Biarritz	26	79	s	Jo'burg	26	79	s	Oslo	7
Borde'x	25	77	s	Karachi	X	-	-	Paris	19
Brussels	17	63	f	L Angels	26	79	s	Peking	20
Budapst	13	55	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	Perth	21
Cairo	31	88	s	Le Tquet	19	66	s	Prague	17
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Lisbon	17	63	c	Reykjavik	10
Ch'church	X	-	-	Locarno	17	63	f	Rhodes	21
Chicago	22	72	s	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rio de J	28
Cologne	17	63	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Riyadh	35

Rome	23	73	f			
S Fr'isco	20	68	s			
S Paulo	21	70	c			
Salzburg	19	66	s			
Santiago	16	61	c			
Seoul	25	77	f			
Sing'por	28	82	r			
St'kholm	9	48	c			
Strasb'rg	21	70	s			
Sydney	22	72	f			
Tangier	25	77	c			
Tel Aviv	29	84	f			
Tenerife	27	81	f			
Tokyo	28	82	s			
Toronto	21	70	s			
Tunis	27	81	s			
Valencia	25	77	f			
Vanc'ver	14	57	f			
Venice	16	61	f			
Vienna	18	64	f			
Warsaw	9	48	c			
Wash'ton	22	72	c			
Wel'ngton	X	-	-			
Zurich	19	66	s			

Temperatures at midday local time. 'x' = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low G will turn northeast deepening *initially, before filling during Thursday; low B should slowly fill in situ,* losing its identity by Thursday; high M will move away northeast



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:42	5.78	8:40	5.79	Leith	9:18	4.76	9:45	4.74
Aberdeen	8:25	1.59	8:48	3.89	Liverpool	5:45	7.74	6:25	8.11
Avonmouth	1:10	10.09	1:58	10.34	Lowestoft	3:27	2.23	4:58	2.17
Belfast	5:48	3.00	6:16	3.09	Margate	6:19	4.01	7:19	4.10
Cardiff	1:02	9.35	1:54	9.38	Milford Haven	0:32	5.40	1:18	5.60
Devonport	--	--	0:30	4.61	Newquay	--	--	0:13	5.54
Dover	5:35	5.62	6:33	5.57	Oban	0:24	2.82	1:47	3.24
Dublin	6:41	3.65	6:57	3.81	Penzance	11:42	4.62	--	--
Falmouth	--	--	0:03	4.31	Portland	0:26	1.44	1:03	1.56
Glasgow	6:56	4.15	7:37	4.05	Portsmouth	5:56	4.04	6:27	4.00
Harwich	5:56	3.40	6:48	3.51	Shoreham	5:49	4.96	6:39	4.97
Holyhead	5:07	4.54	5:36	4.79	Southampton	5:28	3.91	6:09	3.90
Hull	0:13	6.14	1:32	6.10	Swansea	0:39	7.65	1:19	7.82
Ilfracombe	0:02	7.48	0:59	7.58	Tees	10:43	4.42	11:03	4.48
King's Lynn	0:22	5.64	1:12	5.41	W'ton-on-Nze	6:03	3.58	6:56	3.72

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Sun rises: 7.04 am — Sun sets: 6.35 pm
Moon sets: 12.47 am — Moon rises: 3.55 pm

London 6.35 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 6.45 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 6.44 pm to 7.21 am
Manchester 6.42 pm to 7.15 am
Penzance 6.57 pm to 7.26 am

Full Moon October 8

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